

FY 2020, 1st Quarter Business Forecast Questions and Responses

Background

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Business Forecast is an informational resource on potential funding and partnership opportunities at USAID. It is an advanced look at grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements that USAID is in the process of developing and plans to issue in the coming year. Organizations interested in working with USAID can use this tool to plan for proposal or application submissions.

General Business Forecast Questions

1. **Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) Companies:** Why are there not specific opportunities for these companies to work with USAID listed on the Business Forecast?

USAID Response: We recognize that our agency has been challenged in meeting our HUBZone goal over the past several years. We are not unique, as many Federal departments and agencies struggle to meet the government-wide goal of three percent for HUBZones. We have made a concerted effort to identify qualified HUBZone firms that can support our requirements and have had some successes but this remains a work in progress. Overall, USAID has increased its dollar obligations to HUBZones for the past three consecutive fiscal years (FY). In FY 2017, we obligated \$8.9 million to HUBZones and more than doubled the amount to \$21 million in FY 2018. This trend continued in FY 2019 as we awarded \$31.5 million to HUBZones, the largest dollar obligation to date.

2. **Forecast & Solicitation Dates:** Would USAID please consider taking the November and December holidays into account in the timing of release and due dates of solicitations? As of a recent forecast search, 45 opportunities are forecast to be released between the dates of Nov 25 and January 5. During these dates, critical design work will fall in the November and December holidays. This is particularly problematic in December when, in most countries, key local stakeholders and host country government offices are closed for a minimum of 2 weeks.

USAID Response: To the best of our ability, we will try to accommodate the holiday season with our procurements. The M/OAA Director is sending a note to all acquisition and assistance staff around the world noting the need for flexibility during the holiday season.

3. **Eligibility Criteria in Forecast:** Please consider adding a column or forecast description indication for all opportunities anticipated to have restricted eligibility criteria.

USAID Response: Presently, this information can be shared in the description. We will encourage Agency staff to include this information in the award description when updating the Forecast. In addition, we will look into adding another column for this information for future iterations of the Forecast.

4. **Last Updated Date:** We have noticed in several updates to the forecast, where the Last Modified Date is updated, but often there are no changes to an opportunity that can be seen. In addition, on October 11th several opportunities disappeared from the Business Forecast and all remaining opportunities appeared with a “last updated” date of 10/11/19. Can USAID please advise how partners should interpret this information?

USAID Response: On October 11th, USAID created its FY 2020 Acquisition and Assistance Plan in our internal Acquisition and Assistance Planning Tool. When creating doing so, we moved data from our FY 2019 plan to a new FY 2020 plan. The A&A Planning tool is used to generate the Forecast. This is why you saw some activities drop off and others updated with a date of October 11th.

The A&A Planning tool includes significantly more information than what is included on the Business Forecast as it is used by all Mission and Operating units to manage awards. When you see an updated “last updated date” in the Forecast, but do not see a change in the Forecast information, this means that a field in the A&A Plan, not included in the Forecast, has been updated.

5. **Phased Acquisition in Forecast:** Would USAID consider adding information to the forecast that indicates when a multiple-phase process is anticipated for an opportunity?

USAID Response: Presently, this information can be shared in the description. We will encourage Agency staff to include this information in the award description when updating the Forecast. In addition, we will look into adding another column for this information for future iterations of the Forecast.

6. **N/A for Small Business on the Forecast:** Can USAID clarify that when Small Business Set-Aside is listed as N/A that a decision has been made that such opportunities will NOT be Small Business Set-Aside?

USAID Response: The term Not Applicable (N/A) under the Small Business Set Aside Column on the USAID Business Forecast often indicates that the contracting official cannot confirm if a requirement is suitable as a total or partial small business set aside at this stage of the acquisition planning process. Typically market research (Sources Sought Notice, Request for Information, etc.) has not been conducted prior to posting a requirement on the Business Forecast. Contracting officials may indicate “N/A” for new requirements or continuing projects that were previously awarded to “other than small businesses”. The contracting official should conduct market research prior to finalizing the acquisition strategy (i.e., small business set aside, full and open competition, etc.) and posting the requirement on the Federal Business Opportunities website. USAID recommends tracking requirements of interest to keep abreast of updates and cancellations.

7. **BioData Form:** Will USAID/Washington mandate the new biodata form across all new solicitations?

USAID Response: Yes, offerors who respond to new solicitations that require submission of the USAID Form I420-17 must use the form that became effective October 9, 2019. Additionally, all requests for salary/rate approval under existing awards that are submitted after October 9, 2019 must be submitted on the new form that became effective October 9, 2019.

8. **Mission Compensation Plans:** The updated Contractor Employee Biographical Data Sheet requires a rationale for the proposed salary. For determining the salary of local employees and contractors, the US Embassy Local Compensation Plan is one source of information in the development of a rationale; however, not all Missions make their Local Compensation Plans available. Could USAID Missions be encouraged to make their Local Compensation Plans available as a source of information for preparing the rationale for proposed salaries?

USAID Response: The Local Compensation Plans are set and maintained by the State Department. In some circumstances USAID is not authorized to distribute them outside of the agency. We will engage with the State Department team to see if this is something that can be addressed.

9. **Accuracy of the Forecast:** What is USAID doing to ensure that the Forecast remains a reliable tool for partners?

USAID Response: USAID is always striving to ensure that our Forecast is an accurate reflection of our planned activities and that we are providing information to partners in a timely manner. We are continually communicating with Senior Leaders, technical staff, and our acquisition and assistance workforce the need for ensuring that the Forecast is up to date and accurate. However, it is important to remember that this is a planning tool. As potential activities move through the planning process, USAID is continually assessing our needs and the best way to achieve our development objectives. With this being the case, we often are needing to shift directions of our activities, for which we try to communicate through the Forecast. We will continue to focus on the reliability of the Forecast.

10. **Countries with Small Business Targets:** USAID please provide an update on which countries have small business targets and what those targets are?

USAID Response: We are currently engaged in discussions to finalize Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 internal small business goals for USAID's Bureaus, Independent Offices (B/IO) and Missions. We assign internal small business goals to B/IOs and Missions that have an average acquisition budget of \$5 million for three consecutive fiscal years. The SB goaling program has been successfully implemented in Washington for a number of years. We launched our Mission Small Business Goaling Program two years ago in FY 2018 with a pilot program with 16 Missions, increased that to 29 last fiscal year, and now for FY 2020, the program will be fully implemented to the approximately 62 Missions with acquisition obligations greater than \$5 million. We are in the process of updating our website to report the goals and accomplishments for the 29 Missions that participated in the program last fiscal year. For your convenience, this information is available via this [link](#). The list of Missions assigned a goal in the pilot year, FY 2018, and

other goaling information is posted on the Agency's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU), Small Business Program website (<https://www.usaid.gov/osdbu/documents/1878/usaids-mission-small-business-goaling-program-participants>).

11. **GSA Schedules:** Could USAID confirm that OASIS and the GSA PSS schedule will be used for acquisitions in 2020?

USAID Response: The Agency's goal is to use OASIS (both restricted and unrestricted) and GSA PSS vehicles in FY20. We are asking CO's to so designate this intention on the Forecast.

Washington Business Forecast Questions

1. **AFR:** Water for Africa Through Leadership and Institutional Support (WALIS)
 - a. Does USAID anticipate procuring a follow-on to this project? If so, can USAID provide a targeted release date?

USAID Response: This decision has not yet been made.

2. **AFR:** BAA for Sustainable Development in Sub-Saharan Africa
 - a. Does USAID anticipate releasing any amendments to this BAA in FY20?

USAID Response: Africa Bureau will update the current BAA in late 2019 or early 2020. However, there is no planned Addendum yet .

3. **BFS:** Water and Development IDIQ (WADI) II
 - a. Does USAID anticipate issuing a follow-on to the WADI IDIQ? If so, can USAID update the forecast to indicate those plans?
 - b. If yes, can USAID provide any information about timing of the anticipating release date and whether a pre-solicitation or RFI will be released?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID anticipates issuing a follow-on to the WADI IDIQ pending internal agency approvals. The business forecast will be updated once internal agency approvals are obtained. At this time, USAID cannot provide any additional information.

4. **BFS:** Food Security Policy Leadership, Interactions, Networks and Knowledge (Global)
 - a. Does USAID anticipate that this activity will be back on the forecast? If so, when is the anticipated SOL release date?

USAID Response: Policy LINK was awarded in September 2019. It is not anticipated that the opportunity will be back on the forecast in the near future.

5. **BFS:** Food Security Services Center Follow-on
 - a. Does USAID anticipate that this activity will be back on the forecast? If so, when is the anticipated SOL release date?

USAID Response: The Food Security Service Center follow on was awarded in May 2019 for a five year period of performance. There will not be another solicitation for this requirement unless BFS determines there is a need for another follow on at the end of the five year period.

6. **BFS:** Market Systems and Partnerships Program
 - a. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date of the Feed the Future Market Systems and Partnerships program?
 - b. Can USAID provide further insight into the anticipated “total estimated cost/ amount range” of the contract value?

- c. Can USAID provide additional information regarding the anticipated small business utilization requirement for the MSP activity?
- d. Please also confirm if this is a single-award or if USAID anticipates making multiple awards, and if so, will there be a small-business set-aside component?

USAID Response: USAID intends to issue the solicitation in December 2019 or early January 2020 at the latest. The anticipated Total Estimated Cost range is between \$55 - \$75 million. This requirement will not be a small business set-aside, however the solicitation will ask for a robust small business subcontracting plan from offerors that are other than small businesses. This will be a single award opportunity. Please see above for the answer on the small business set-aside.

7. **BFS:** Program Assistance Services

- a. USAID released an RFI for Program Assistance Services for BFS. Does USAID intend to procure this service? If so, when is that procurement intended to be released?

USAID Response: USAID does intend to procure these services, and intends to issue the solicitation in January 2020.

8. **DCHA:** ACES

- a. When will ACES IDIQ be awarded?
- b. Are any amendments to the ACES APS expected? If so, when, for what countries, and in what will be the technical focus?
- c. The new edition of the business forecast shows that the ACES APS was updated on November 7, but it's not clear what was changed. Can USAID offer clarification on what was changed?
- d. Further, does USAID have any clarification on the use of this APS mechanism? Are any solicitations anticipated?
- e. We noticed that there have been no public addenda released under the APS for Active Communities - Effective States (ACES). Does USAID anticipate releasing any addenda with specific funding opportunities under the APS prior to its close in April 2020?
- f. Does USAID anticipate issuing an APS for Active Communities - Effective States (ACES) in FY 2020? If so, will it take the same format as the current unfunded umbrella APS?

USAID Response: USAID has extended the validity of Offerors proposals till September 2020. It is USAID's intention to award by then. USAID has not made a decision one way or another as to whether or not any amendments to the ACES APS are expected; please continue to monitor the APS on www.grants.gov where all possible amendments will be posted. Any updates made after November 7th were for internal tracking purposes. USAID does not have any clarification on the use of this APS mechanism at this point. USAID does not have any information on any addenda with specific funding opportunities under the APS prior to its close in April 2020 at this point. USAID does not have any information on FY 2020 or any future APS for Active

Communities - Effective States (ACES) at this point. Please continue to track all APS's through www.grants.gov where all future Rounds or Addendum will be posted.

9. **DCHA:** Famine Early Warning System (FEWS)
- a. Could USAID please provide details on the anticipated timing and scope of any future task orders under the FEWS NET 7 IDIQ?

USAID Response: USAID is unable to provide details on the anticipated timing and scope of any future task orders under the FEWS NET 7 IDIQ.

10. **DCHA:** Support Services for the Bureau for Democracy Conflict and Humanitarian Services (HASC)
- a. Does USAID plan to issue a follow on to its current Support Services for the Bureau for Democracy Conflict and Humanitarian Services (HASC) contract? If so, could USAID provide a procurement update and timeline?

USAID Response: USAID doesn't plan to issue a follow on to its current Support Service for the Bureau for Democracy Conflict and Humanitarian Services (HASC).

11. **DCHA:** Promoting Internet Freedom
- a. USAID released a Request for Information # 7200AA19R00046 for USAID released a Request for Information # 7200AA19R00046 for Promoting Internet Freedom on April 30, 2019. Can USAID please share the release date, award amount, and award type of the full solicitation?

USAID Response: USAID is currently designing the Promoting Internet Freedom activity. USAID intends to publish this opportunity on the Business Forecast soon.

12. **DCHA:** Office of Food for Peace APS for Multi-Year International Emergency Food Assistance – Program Description of APS for Multi-Year Emergency Food Assistance South Sudan
- a. Can USAID provide an update on the timing of the release of the official APS?

USAID Response: USAID/FFP Food Aid Consultative Group (FACG) comment period on the draft Program Description has closed, and FFP is considering all responses received. Any final APS will be posted on grants.gov.

13. **DCHA:** Programming Effectively Against Conflict and Extremism (PEACE) Indefinite Quantity Contract (IQC)
- a. Is USAID considering a follow on to the Programming Effectively Against Conflict and Extremism (PEACE) Indefinite Quantity Contract (IQC)?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID is considering a follow on to the PEACE activity.

14. **DCHA:** Southern Africa Rapid Response Fund for Acute Humanitarian Needs Resulting from Sudden-Onset Flooding and Cyclones

- a. When will successful applicants for NFO number 720FDA19APS00003, “Southern Africa Rapid Response Fund for Acute Humanitarian Needs Resulting from Sudden-Onset Flooding and Cyclones”, be announced? Will unsuccessful applicants be notified?

USAID Response: The apparently successful applicant for the Southern Africa Rapid Response Fund will be notified by December 21, 2019. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified shortly thereafter.

15. **DCHA:** Recently, USAID officials expressed they would support ethnic and religious minorities with a requested \$150 million investment for the FY2020 budget. Does USAID have any additional information on how these funds might be spent—does USAID envision a central procurement or multiple, smaller awards?

USAID Response: USAID has no firm plans to announce at this time.

16. **DCHA:** In FY 2015, USAID/Washington issued a number of Requests for Assistance (RFAs) for various democracy and governance-related Leader with Associate awards, include the Global Civil Society mechanism, the Elections and Political Transitions mechanism, and the Human Rights and Rule of Law mechanism. As of yet, no sign of USAID's intentions to rebid or reissue these mechanisms has appeared on the USAID business forecast. Does USAID have any intentions to rebid or redesign these mechanisms in FY2020?

USAID Response: USAID/Washington anticipates multiple designs and solicitations in the Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance sector in FY 2020. These designs and solicitations may focus on civil society, elections and political transitions, the rule of law, and other areas, but USAID has no further specifics at this time. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast (Washington and Missions) for any future updates.

17. **DCHA:** Conflict Prevention & Recovery Program
 - a. Does USAID anticipate releasing any rounds for the New Partnership Initiative-Conflict Prevention & Recovery Program in FY20?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates issuing additional addenda against the New Partnerships Initiative: Conflict Prevention & Recovery Program APS in FY20, but has no further specifics at this time.

18. **DCHA:** 2019-2023 Strategy for Advancing Protection and Care of Children in Adversity (APCCA)
 - a. What solicitations, either currently forecasted or not yet listed, will be associated with this strategy? <https://www.childreninadversity.gov/strategy>

USAID Response: DRG has ongoing programs that support APCCA, but no new solicitations are planned at this point. Recent solicitations for programs that will support APCCA have been released under USAID's existing Partnerships Plus program

implemented by John Snow Inc., and additional solicitations are expected through this partner as well. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for any future updates.

19. **DCHA/OFDA:** LAC Regional Disaster Assistance Program

- a. USAID issued an RFI for this opportunity on FBO.gov on 08/22/19, however this procurement has yet to be added to the forecast. Could USAID please provide an update regarding the anticipated release date and contracting mechanism for this opportunity?
- b. Can USAID confirm if this will be a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: USAID is still completing the review of the RFI findings. It has not yet been determined if this will be a small business set-aside.

20. **DRG Center:**

- a. Does USAID anticipate adding to the Business Forecast any opportunities from the Center for Excellence on Democracy, Human Rights and Governance (DRG Center) in FY2020?

USAID Response: Yes. USAID anticipates adding additional opportunities to the Business Forecast from the DRG Center in FY 2020. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for any future updates.

21. **E3:** Women's Empowerment

- a. For the USAID/EG Women's Empowerment opportunity, we noticed that the forecast was last updated on October 11, 2019, but we did not observe any changes to the forecast description or anticipated solicitation release date. Can you please confirm any changes or revise the anticipated date change for this opportunity?

USAID Response: Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast regarding changes to the solicitation release date for the Women's Empowerment opportunity.

22. **E3:** Restoring the Environment through Prosperity, Livelihoods and Conserving Ecosystems (REPLACE) IDIQ

- a. Is USAID planning on a follow-on procurement to the REPLACE IDIQ in 2020? If so, can USAID update the forecast to indicate those plans?

USAID Response: There are currently no plans to conduct a follow-on procurement to the REPLACE IDIQ.

23. **E3:** All Children Reading (ABE-ACR) IDIQ

- a. Will USAID be raising the ceiling and/or extending the closing date of the Assistance this award?
- b. Does USAID anticipate releasing follow-ons for Advancing Basic Education: Access for All (ABE-ACCESS) and/or Advancing Basic Education: All Children Reading (ABE-ACR) IDIQs?

USAID Response: No, USAID is not planning on raising the ceiling and/or extending the closing date of ABE-ACR IDIQ; and we do not anticipate a release of follow-ons for ABE-ACCESS and ABE-ACR.

24. **E3:** Global Architect and Engineering IDIQ III

- a. Does USAID anticipate issuing a follow-on to the AE IDIQ?
- b. If yes, can USAID provide any information about timing of the anticipating release date and whether a pre-solicitation or RFI will be released?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates a follow-on to the Global A&E II IDIQ. Upon approval, USAID anticipates issuing a pre-solicitation notice.

25. **E3:** Youth Power

- a. The period of performance for YouthPower Implementation is ending February 22, 2020. Does USAID intend to solicit a follow-on to the YouthPower Implementation IDIQ in FY20?
- b. If so, can USAID provide any details regarding anticipated mechanism, scope, approximate value, and release date

USAID Response: No, USAID does not intend to solicit a follow-on to Youth Power IDIQ.

26. **E3:** Strengthening Tenure and Resource Rights (STARR) II IDIQ

- a. Could USAID please provide details on the anticipated timing and scope of any future task orders under the STARR II IDIQ that are not already on the Business Forecast?
- b. Could USAID please clarify any activities anticipated under the STARR II IDIQ?
- c. Is USAID planning to include RFTOPs under STARR II in the Business Forecast?

USAID Response: Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast (Washington and Missions) in terms of updates on potential task orders under STARR II IDIQ.

27. **E3:** Global Education

- a. In FY19 Q3 Forecast Q&A, USAID indicated that E3 Bureau is not contemplating a solicitation for a global education IDIQ or LWA (or similar type of mechanism) within the next two quarters. The most recent USAID Business Forecast does not list any global education program. Could USAID clarify if the Agency is designing a global education program?
- b. And if so, could USAID kindly include the information on such a program in the updated Forecast?

USAID Response: No additional information is available at this time.

28. **E3:** Global Youth Development Program

- a. Does USAID intend to release a solicitation for a global youth development program in FY20? If so, what instrument is USAID?

USAID Response: No additional information is available at this time, please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for future updates.

29. **GH:** Population and Reproductive Health

- a. Will USAID issue an RFI for Policy, Advocacy, and Communication Enhanced for Population and Reproductive Health (PACE) APS Round 2 - Population Environment Development (PED)?
- b. How will Round 2 be different from Round 1?

USAID Response: No, USAID will not issue an RFI for the PACE APS Round 2 - PED. Round 2 will focus on the first two results in the APS: Strengthen individual and institutional capacity in advocacy, and policy communications and negotiations; and Increase commitment for cross sectoral approaches to integrated population, health, environment, climate change, resilience, food security, livelihoods and security programs.

30. **GH:** Integrated Health Systems IDIQ

- a. Can USAID confirm if additional task orders are planned for release under the USAID Integrated Health Systems IDIQ? If so, when might USAID be circulating these upcoming task orders on the forecast?

USAID Response: No task order is currently planned, any updates will be posted on the Business forecast.

31. **GH:** Next Generation Global Health Supply Chain

- a. Can USAID provide any updates on the estimated release date?
- b. Can USAID provide any clarity on whether the new solicitation will be split into multiple procurements? And if so, how will they be broken up (i.e. geographically or by commodity)?
- c. To what extent is USAID able to share any additional information regarding timing and eligibility for the next generation of **GHSC** funding?

USAID Response: USAID aims to release draft statements of objectives and/or work for comment by the end of January 2020. An estimated solicitation date will be further determined after that. The current GHSC portfolio is composed of numerous mechanisms. The next generation of the project will also contain multiple mechanisms which will likely be split up based on the service to be provided. Funding for the next generation supply chain awards will be available for the awards at the time that they are made in accordance with funding cycles and regulations.

32. **GH:** Sustaining Health Outcomes through the Private Sector (SHOPS) Plus

- a. In the last forecast Q&A, USAID indicated that an award for a follow-on to SHOPS Plus was anticipated for Q4 2020. Does USAID have additional information about whether it intends to issue a follow-on to SHOPS Plus?
- b. If so, does USAID anticipate issuing an RFI before the full solicitation?
- c. Could USAID provide any information such as anticipated timing of the solicitation, project scope, award mechanism, or award date?

USAID Response: The follow-on to SHOPS Plus is still in the design stage. Unfortunately, further information cannot be provided at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for updates and timeline.

33. **GH:** Global Health Security Agenda BAA

- a. Does USAID/Washington anticipate releasing future Global Health Security Agenda BAA procurements?

USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate releasing any new Global Health Security Agenda BAA procurements in FY 2020.

34. **GH:** Global Health Scale for Impact:

- a. Would USAID please clarify if there is a follow-on procurement planned to support activities for Global Health Scale for Impact OAA-M-16-00016?

USAID Response: A follow-on procurement is not currently scheduled.

35. **GH:** New Partnerships Initiative

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing any additional rounds for the New Partnership Initiative-Global Health in FY20?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates issuing additional rounds in FY20, but has no further specifics at this time.

36. **GH:** Momentum APS

- a. Have any awards been made under the MOMENTUM APS for Rounds 1, 2A, 2B and 2C? If no awards have been made as yet, when does USAID anticipate making awards for Rounds 1, 2A, 2B, and 2C?
- b. APS Round 1 and 2 Q&A documents indicated start dates for awards would be on or about December 31 and October 30, respectively. Can USAID please confirm the anticipated award timelines for both rounds?

USAID Response: As of December 4, 2019, no awards have been made under Rounds 1, 2A, 2B, and 2C. Awards are anticipated to be made in the next few months.

37. **GH:** Momentum Round 2A Global Technical Leadership and Targeted Technical Assistance for MNCH/FP/RH

- a. Please confirm the anticipated award date?

USAID Response: As of December 4, 2019, the 2A award is anticipated to be made within the next month, barring any delays.

38. **GH:** Momentum Round 2C, MOMENTUM Monitoring and Evaluation, Knowledge Management and Translation

- a. Please confirm the anticipated award date?

USAID Response: As of December 4, 2019, the 2C award is anticipated to be made within the next month, barring any delays.

39. **GH:** Momentum Round 3

- a. The USAID forecast indicates that there will be multiple awards made under MOMENTUM Round 3; what is the anticipated average award amount for each award?
- b. The USAID Business Forecast was updated with a revised MOMENTUM Round 3 (Overcoming Entrenched Obstacles) release date of March 1, 2020. Does USAID anticipate releasing multiple rounds under Round 3, each focusing on various stand-alone targeted entrenched obstacles such as fistula?
- c. Does USAID anticipate using a co-creation process for MOMENTUM Round 3? If so, will it be the same approach as used for the previously released MOMENTUM rounds?
- d. Can USAID provide any further information on the technical scope for MOMENTUM Round 3 beyond what is in the USAID forecast?
- e. The last quarter Q&A indicated that there would be multiple awards under this round, will each award having a specific technical focus or will there be an integrated approach?
- f. In Round 3 of the MOMENTUM Annual Program Statement (APS) No. 7200AA19APS00002, USAID will request the submission of concept papers for overcoming entrenched obstacles in priority MNCH/FP/RH topics requiring focused attention and investment. Will USAID include any of the following topics as “entrenched obstacles”?
 - i. Limited engagement of adolescents and youth adults with health service organizations (e.g. government, NGOs).
 - ii. Limited capacity of community and local civil society organizations to collaborate effectively with health service organizations.
 - iii. Limited household financial resources to pay for the direct and/or indirect costs of health care provision.
- g. Is USAID planning to invite Subs to submit concept notes independently, as was the case with previous rounds, or will you invite applications from fully formed consortia?

USAID Response: Round 3 of the MOMENTUM APS is still in the design stage. USAID may use co-creation and concept papers will likely only be accepted from singular organizations, not fully formed consortia, although it cannot be guaranteed. The specific information will be provided in the Round 3 solicitation(s). Unfortunately, further information cannot be provided at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for further updates and timelines.

40. **GH:** Can USAID clarify if and when they plan to issue a solicitation for the follow on for Post-abortion Care Family Planning?

USAID Response: There will not be a follow on with that singular focus. Rather attention to postabortion care including family planning is included throughout the MOMENTUM suite of awards.

41. **GH:** Does USAID anticipate a follow on to Challenge TB

USAID Response: A follow on to Challenge TB is not planned.

42. **GH:** Momentum Round 4

a. Does USAID anticipate a Round 4 for MOMENTUM in this fiscal year?

USAID Response: There is not a set timeline for the release of Rounds. Rounds may be issued by USAID/Washington and USAID Missions as needs arise and funding is available up until the current MOMENTUM APS closing date of September 30, 2025.

43. **GH:** The Health Policy Plus (HP+) project

- a. The project currently ends in August 2020. Would USAID please clarify if there is a follow-on procurement planned to support activities?
- b. If so, does USAID anticipate issuing an RFI before the full solicitation, and could USAID provide any information such as anticipated timing of the solicitation, project scope, award mechanism, or award date?

USAID Response: HP+ was recently extended at no cost to the US Government until September 2022. There will likely be a follow-on to continue this work; USAID anticipates posting a draft program description for comment prior to releasing the solicitation. The exact timing of other steps is not known at this time due to internal processes.

44. **GH:** HRH2030

- a. The HRH2030 project is scheduled to end in September 2020. Does USAID plan to rebid the project? If so, what is the estimated time frame for the release of the solicitation?

USAID Response: No information is currently available for this award, it will be posted on the business forecast when it becomes available.

45. **GH:** Private Sector Health Systems

- a. Does USAID anticipate that this activity will be back on the forecast? If so, when is the anticipated SOL release date?

USAID Response: This activity can possibly come back on the forecast, but no date available for the SOL release.

46. **GH:** Innovations for Medicines Quality Assurance (iMQA)

- a. Regarding 1 of 2: Can USAID provide an update on expected release of iMQA 1 of 2? In FY Q3 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID indicated requests for concept papers would be issued in mid-October and Business forecast has the anticipated release date of 10/15/2019.

USAID Response: This procurement action is still in the planning phase and program office is finalizing the package.

47. **GH:** Innovations for Medicines Quality Assurance (iMQA)
- a. Regarding 2 of 2: Can USAID provide information as to how iMQA 2 of 2 will be different from iMQA 1 of 2?
 - a. How will each iMQA award will complement each other and contribute to the broader goals of the MQASSP APS?
 - b. Is the anticipated release date of 02/15/2020 still valid?

USAID Response: As this action is still been drafted, no specifications are available right now. Will provide additional information when it becomes available.

48. **GH:** PMI Evaluation and Research-to-Use Implementation
- a. Can USAID kindly confirm the expected timeline for responding to expressions of interest related to this solicitation?

USAID Response: Responses to the expressions of interest (EOIs) received in response to the solicitation are anticipated to be sent in December 2019.

49. **GH:** Global Health Transform IDIQ:

- a. Global Health Transform, a five-year, multiple-award IDIQ, ends December 13, 2019. Would USAID please clarify if there is any follow-on procurement planned to support activities?

USAID Response: The TRANSFORM IDIQ ended in January 2019, although existing Task Orders may still be operating; at this time, there are no plans for a follow on procurement.

50. **Global Development Lab:** Science & Technology Policy Fellowship program (STPF)

- a. Does USAID have any update on this activity?

USAID Response: Due to end of fiscal year delays and Agency funding guidance, the Global Development Lab cancelled this procurement. Any future opportunities will be posted on the business forecast.

51. **Global Development Lab:** Water and Energy for Food (WE4F) Grand Challenge for Development

- a. Can USAID provide an anticipated solicitation release date?
- b. Can USAID provide an update on the expected award mechanism for this opportunity?
- c. Would USAID be able to provide information on the value, award/action type, and expected solicitation release date?

USAID Response: The BAA notice, and the supporting Addenda (see below) were posted on both Grants.gov (<https://www.grants.gov/>) and FBO.gov (<https://fbohome.sam.gov/>) on Tuesday, November 19, 2019. Addendum #1: Middle East and North Africa (MENA region). Addendum #2: South/Southeast Asia (S/SE Asia

region). Amendment #1 (addressing Q&A deadline date and webinar info) was posted on Tuesday, November 26, 2019. As part of this BAA action, each Addendum will conduct a “Co-Creation” process. The award mechanism will be determined as a result of the “Co-Creation” process. As part of this BAA action, each Addendum will conduct a “Co-Creation” process. The value and award/action type will be determined as a result of the “Co-Creation” process. The solicitation was released on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 and will close no later than 5:00pm/1700 (Washington, DC local time), Monday December 9th, 2019. Monday, December 9, 2019.

52. **HCTM:** Worldwide Training (WWT)

- a. What is the status of the procurement? It was on the forecast and has been removed

USAID Response: This action will be placed as originally set with a RFI as an OASIS small business award within FY20.

53. **LAC:** Institutional Support Services

- a. Could USAID confirm whether successful offerors will be precluded from bidding on future opportunities in LAC due to conflict of interest concerns? If so, what criteria would be used to determine offerors’ eligibility to bid on other anticipated funding opportunities in LAC?
- b. Could USAID confirm what OASIS pool this will be released under?

USAID Response: The successful contractor will be required to sign NDAs and COI statements, as well as provide a COI mitigation plan. The contractor will be precluded from bidding on multiple future opportunities if the contractor was involved in the design of the new procurement or had access to sensitive information regarding that procurement. More details will be contained in the solicitation once it is released. This will be released under OASIS Pool I.

54. **LAC:** Institutional Support Contract

- a. Please confirm if this activity will be released as anticipated on December 2, 2019. Additionally, can USAID confirm that this activity will be released as a small business set aside under OASIS Pool I – Small Business?

USAID Response: The solicitation will not be released December 2; the NBF has been updated. This will be released under OASIS Pool I. SB or unrestricted determination has not yet been finalized.

55. **M/OAA:** Worldwide Training & Other Related Services

- a. In the last forecast Q&A, USAID commented that “This activity will not be released and has been removed. It is undergoing internal review.” Can USAID provide an update on its current thinking regarding how it will continue to provide workforce training?

USAID Response: It will be an action for FY20 based on prior RFI as an OASIS award.

56. **M/CIO:** Strategic Programs

- a. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date of the USAID Strategic Programs Recompete?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date is January 31, 2020.

57. **M/CIO:** DIS Consolidated Award

- a. What is the status of the CIO DIS Consolidated Award procurement? It was on the forecast and has been removed

USAID Response: The Agency is still in the procurement planning stage for this requirement. The anticipated release date of the solicitation is unknown.

Mission Business Forecast Questions

I. **Afghanistan:** National Technical Assistance Program

- a. Does USAID still expect to release the solicitation on November 30?
- b. If not, does USAID have a new anticipated release date?
- c. Will the Data Demand and Use program be consolidated into NTAP?

USAID Response: The NoFO for NHTAP was released on Tuesday, November 26, 2019. The Enhanced Data Demand and Use (EDDU) program is not contemplated by USAID to be solicited or consolidated in NHTAP.

2. **Afghanistan:** Women's Empowerment and Civil Society

There was an RFI released for this opportunity, along with two other procurements (Women in the Economy II and Counter-Trafficking in Persons) on 7/03/19. These opportunities were then listed on the forecast with an anticipated release date of 1/01/20 for both Women's Empowerment and Civil Society and Women in the Economy II. However, it appears that these opportunities have been removed from the business forecast altogether.

- a. Could USAID/Afghanistan please provide an update regarding these opportunities and their anticipated release dates?
- b. Does USAID/Afghanistan intend to release the two opportunities simultaneously?
- c. Can USAID provide any clarity about the expected mechanism for procuring this Activity?
- d. What does USAID envision with regards to co-creation for the Afghanistan Women's Empowerment and Civil Society procurement?
- e. In the RFI released in July, USAID asked a question about women's access to both formal and informal legal services. Does USAID anticipate that the Afghanistan Women's Empowerment and Civil Society Activity will address the challenges women face with regard to both the formal and informal sector?

USAID Response: Three new activities under design are:

1. Women's Economic Development (WED) (no more Women in the Economy II)
2. Women in Civil Society (WICS)
3. Combatting Human Trafficking in Persons in Afghanistan (CTIP)

All the three activities are still on and solicitation is expected to be released in 2020. The solicitations will be released anytime between March and April time frame. Expected mechanisms for WED and WICS is Contract and for CTIP is Cooperative Agreement. There will be no co-creation workshops. Lessons learned and RFI provided information to move forward.. Yes, USAID anticipates that the Afghanistan Women's Empowerment and Civil Society Activity will address the challenges women face with regard to both the formal and informal sector?

3. **Afghanistan:** Is USAID planning a new activity for youth development following the cancellation in August 2017?

USAID Response: No additional information is available at this time.

4. **Afghanistan:** Enhanced Data Demand and Use
- Afghanistan Enhanced Data Demand and Use was put on hold. Does USAID plan to reintroduce as new procurement or combine with forecasted Afghanistan National Technical Assistance Program (NTAP) or Urban Health Initiative (UHI)?

USAID Response: The Enhanced Data Demand and Use (EDDU) program is not contemplated by USAID to be solicited or consolidated in NTAP.

5. **Afghanistan:** We noticed that the Afghanistan Counter-trafficking of Persons opportunity is no longer on the forecast. If it is still anticipated for release, what is the anticipated release date and type of procurement?

USAID Response: The activity name is Combatting Human Trafficking in Persons in Afghanistan (CTIP). It is still anticipated for release around March/April 2020 timeframe

6. **Afghanistan:** National Technical Assistance Program (NTAP)
- Would USAID please clarify the expected release date for Afghanistan National Technical Assistance Program (NTAP)?

USAID Response: The NOFO for NHTAP was released on Tuesday, November 26, 2019.

7. **Afghanistan:** Could USAID/Afghanistan confirm if there will be a follow-on to the SHAHAR and ISLA programs? If so, is USAID planning to add these programs to the new business forecast?

USAID Response: There are no follow-on activities contemplated for both SHAHAR and ISLA.

8. **Afghanistan:** Health Sector Reliance□(HSR)
- The Afghanistan Health Sector Reliance□(HSR) project ends in September 2020. Would USAID clarify if there is follow-on procurement planned?

USAID Response: No follow-on award is contemplated for HSR.

9. **Afghanistan:** Women in the Economy II Program
- Does USAID plan to update the forecast with the planned WIE II procurement information later this calendar year?
 - Is WIE II a direct follow on activity to WIE I or will it focus on new priorities? If so, which priorities?
 - Does USAID intend to issue a single contract for WIE II through a free & open competition, will USAID utilize another existing IDIQ mechanism for the procurement, or will USAID/Afghanistan issue another Promote-type IDIQ for

this work?

- d. Will another RFI with a detailed SOO and/or pre-solicitation be issued?
- e. Will the original 3-year period of performance and estimated USG cost estimate be maintained or will there be changes in these areas?

USAID Response: Please note that the activity name 'Women in the Economy II' is changed to Women's Economic Development (WED). Yes, the forecast will be updated. WED will continue to build up on the interventions and achievements made through the implementation of Women in the Economy (WIE) activity and placement of women in public and private jobs and technical assistance for women working from home are new additions which were not part of the WIE. USAID intends to issue a single contract through a full and open competition. No new or existing IDIQ will be used. No, another RFI will not be issued. The original 3 years period of performance and estimated USG cost estimate will be maintained

10. **Afghanistan:** Is USAID planning follow on activities for the Strong Hubs for Afghan Hope and Resilience (SHAHAR) or the Initiative to Strengthen Local Administrations (ISLA) Activities? Will the mission be updating the forecast with any new pending opportunities?

USAID Response: There are no follow-on activities contemplated for both SHAHAR and ISLA. Yes, the Mission will update the forecast with new pending opportunities in the coming days.

11. **Afghanistan:** Community-based Education

- a. The RFI came out on 1/30/19 but is no longer on the USAID forecast. Does this mean the opportunity is cancelled? Can USAID please provide an update to the anticipated solicitation release date, award type, and total estimated cost?
- b. Does USAID intend to release any additional information prior to the solicitation?

USAID Response: This activity is incorporated into the broader "Accessible and Quality Basic Education" Activity. USAID anticipate to release AQBE solicitation in the second quarter of FY2020.

12. **Afghanistan:** Urban Health Initiative

- a. Is the anticipated release date of November 30, 2019 still accurate for the Urban Health Initiative for Afghanistan?

USAID Response: The NoFO for UHI was released on Tuesday, November 26, 2019.

13. **Afghanistan:** Engineering Support Program

- a. The current ESP program ends in 2021. Does USAID anticipate issuing a follow-on for this work?

USAID Response: Options in the current ESP contract are being exercised. The Mission is planning on issuing a follow-on that is scheduled to be awarded in 2022.

14. **Afghanistan:** Advancing Higher Education for Afghanistan's Development

- a. Could USAID please provide an update regarding the anticipated release date (as the date noted on the forecast occurs in the past)? What is the mechanism USAID anticipates using for the opportunity?

USAID Response: The AHEAD APS was issued on Grants.gov on December 4, 2019.

15. **Afghanistan:** Affordable Private Schools Activity

- a. Could USAID please provide an update on the status of this opportunity, after RFI responses received in February of this year?

USAID Response: This activity is incorporated into the broader "Accessible and Quality Basic Education" Activity. USAID anticipate to release AQBE solicitation in the second quarter of FY2020.

16. **Albania:** Albania NextGen

- a. Albania NextGen is listed on the USAID Business Forecast with a cooperative agreement designation. Given the Total Estimated Cost/Amount Range of \$4M to \$9.99M, would USAID/Albania reconsider its original posting and return to a designation of a small business set-aside contract?

USAID Response: This procurement has been canceled.

17. **Albania:** Does USAID expect releasing any solicitations besides NextGen in FY2020?

USAID Response: Please check future iterations of the Forecast for updates.

18. **Angola:** Projecto de Angolanização

- a. Does USAID/Angola anticipate releasing follow-on activities to any of the activities under the Projecto de Angolanização? If so, can USAID/Angola provide information such as anticipated timing of solicitations and pre-solicitation notices, project scopes, award mechanisms, or award dates?

USAID Response: At this point follow-on activities are not anticipated.

19. **Armenia:** Does USAID foresee any procurements in FY2020?

USAID Response: USAID/Armenia is anticipating several procurements in FY2020. We are still in the design stage and will update the Business Forecast as soon as possible. Please check back for updates in January.

20. **Azerbaijan:** Business and Professional Association Development

- a. Has USAID determined the mechanism for this procurement?
- b. Can USAID provide additional information about the expected scope of work?
- c. Can USAID provide information on the expected solicitation release date?

USAID Response: For a, b and c, this opportunity is associated with a Local Works initiative being developed by USAID/Azerbaijan. Details are not currently available. If appropriate, the Business Forecast will be updated when more information is available.

21. **Azerbaijan:** Does USAID anticipate releasing any solicitations related to CVE or community resilience within the next 18 months?

USAID Response: Based on the new strategy it is unlikely that the Mission will have any CVE activity.

22. **Azerbaijan:** Azerbaijan Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Mechanism

- a. Can USAID confirm whether performing this work, as either a prime or subcontractor, will present a conflict of interest for parties wishing to implement other projects from USAID/Azerbaijan?
- b. Could USAID confirm the Award/Action Type and Small Business Set-Aside status for this project?
- c. Would USAID please advise as to whether this will be issued as a task order under the upcoming Eval Me II IDIQ?
- d. Will USAID issue a draft SOW or RFI prior to issuing a formal solicitation?

USAID Response: a. Possibly - see ADS Mandatory Reference 302mbm. b. USAID/Azerbaijan will update the Business Forecast when this information is available. c. USAID/Azerbaijan will update the Business Forecast when this information is available. However, it is unlikely that the Mission will use an IDIQ for this mechanism. d. An RFI was previously issued. It has not yet been determined if another RFI with a draft SOW will be issued.

23. **Bangladesh:** Is USAID/Bangladesh planning any new or follow-on agriculture/Feed the Future activities for FY20?

USAID Response: USAID/Bangladesh is planning for a follow-on activity to the current activity entitled Livestock Production for Improved Nutrition Activity.

24. **Bangladesh:** Protibesh Activity

- a. Is USAID planning to release an updated scope of work for the Protibesh opportunity for comment/review prior to the release of the RFP?

USAID Response: No; an updated scope of work for review/comment is not being planned for prior to the release of the RFP.

25. **Bangladesh:** Basic Education in Bandarban

- a. Could USAID please provide an update on the status of this opportunity, after RFI responses received in April of this year? What is the mechanism USAID anticipates for the opportunity?

USAID Response: Some basic education services in Bandarban are up for offeror consideration under the Esho Shikhi solicitation. A separate solicitation opportunity is not being planned at this time.

26. **Bangladesh:** Obirodh: Road to Tolerance

- a. With the Obirodh: Road to Tolerance activity schedule to close in August 2020, is USAID planning to issue a solicitation for subsequent CVE and/or conflict mitigation programming in FY 2020?
- b. If so, can USAID provide information on the technical scope, timing of the solicitation, and expected mechanism?

USAID Response: USAID/Bangladesh is unable to respond to these questions at this time. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates and new opportunities with respect to CVE and/or conflict mitigation activities.

27. **Bangladesh:** Bangladesh Horticulture, Fruits and Non-food Crops Activity

- a. Could USAID provide an updated solicitation release date and anticipated award date for the request for proposals to be issued for the Bangladesh Horticulture, Fruits and Non-food Crops Activity (formerly Agricultural Growth Activity)?
- b. Is this a new program or a follow-on? If a follow-on, who is the incumbent?

USAID Response: The procurement process consisted of a step-down phase approach whereby concept papers were selected for submission of a full proposal. The RFP for those offerors was released on November 7th. This is a follow-on activity. The incumbent is DAI.

28. **Bangladesh:** Shobai Miley Pori (Everyone Reads Together)

- a. Can USAID please clarify if there is an intent to release a pre-solicitation before the solicitation is released for the Bangladesh Shobai Miley Pori Activity?
- b. Does USAID intend to release the Bangladesh Shobey Miley Pori on December 31, 2019 as indicated on the forecast?
- c. Does USAID intend to release the Bangladesh Shobey Miley Pori solicitation with a multi-phase mechanism or as an IDIQ?

USAID Response: There is no intent to release a pre-solicitation document. It is USAID's intent to meet this deadline date. USAID intends to release the solicitation as a standalone mechanism.

29. **Belarus:** BEL: Innovation Based Economy

- a. Can USAID clarify the intended procurement mechanism and award amount for this opportunity?
- b. Does USAID anticipate releasing this opportunity in February 2020?
- c. Would USAID please provide information regarding the scope of the program?
- d. To what extent, if any, will this procurement be connected agriculture and/or food security?

USAID Response: A determination regarding the procurement mechanism has not been made. Please continue to follow the forecast for further information. Please continue to follow the forecast as well as www.fbo.gov and www.grants.gov for any release of procurement related information on this activity.

30. **Bosnia and Herzegovina:** Does USAID plan to issue a follow on to Agriculture Market Activity in Bosnia and Herzegovina? (FARMA II) If so, is USAID considering a small business set aside?

USAID Response: At this time, there is no follow on to FARMA II.

31. **Bosnia/Herzegovina:** Local works community philanthropy - Enabling legal and policy environment
- Has USAID determined the mechanism for this procurement?
 - Will USAID issue a draft SOW or RFI prior to issuing a formal solicitation?
 - Can USAID provide additional information about the expected scope of work?

USAID Response: No, a mechanism has not yet been determined for this procurement. RFI was posted on FBO and Grants.gov on 10/29/2019 under # 72016819RFI003. Closing date for submission of comments and expressions of interest was November 12, 2019, but the RFI is still available for download. At this time, USAID is not able to provide additional information regarding the expected scope of work.

32. **Botswana:** Does USAID anticipate issuing any HIV focused solicitations in Botswana during the COP 20 period? If yes, when do you anticipate releasing the solicitation?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates issuing a solicitation, limited to local organizations, to reach, test and treat, and follow-up with key populations, offering high impact prevention activities to those that are HIV negative and initiating and reinitiating those that are HIV positive. The solicitation is still in the planning stages and USAID does not have an anticipated date for release.

33. **Brazil:** Does USAID still anticipate procurement an activity to support the socio-economic integration of Venezuelan migrants and refugees in Brazil? If so, would USAID provide an update on the anticipated mechanism and solicitation release date for this activity?

USAID Response: USAID updated the procurement strategy and will update the Business Forecast accordingly. At this time, USAID/Peru does not envision any future solicitations specific to the Venezuela regional immigration crisis.

34. **Burkina Faso:** Improving Malaria Care Project
- Does USAID still plan to issue a procurement for the Improving Malaria Care project follow-on in Burkina Faso in late 2019 (per FY19 Q3 Q&A)? Can USAID provide any additional information on the anticipated timing?
 - Will this be a malaria-specific project or will other elements of family planning and maternal and child health be integrated with malaria interventions?
 - Will USAID anticipate using the contract or cooperative agreement for this procurement?
 - Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or a Request for Information for this project?

- e. Please clarify whether the project will include family planning and maternal and child health activities. If there will be FP and MCH funding, could USAID please clarify the scope of these activities?
- f. Can USAID share further information on the anticipated geographic scope of this opportunity? If there will be geographic overlap with the RISE II Health Services Delivery Activity, can USAID please clarify respective roles between projects?

USAID Response: No, USAID will not be issuing a solicitation before the end of 2019. The new anticipated timing will be mid-2020. USAID intends to solicit an integrated activity with malaria interventions. A decision regarding the instrument has not been made at this time. At this time there is no intent to release a draft scope of work or Request for Information though this could change in the future. USAID does not have additional information to provide at this time regarding the scope of activities. The geographic scope of this activity has not been determined at this time.

35. **Burkina Faso:** Does USAID intend to release a child protection and/or education opportunity in Burkina Faso in 2020? If yes, we would appreciate any information available about the solicitation timing and regions to be included?

USAID Response: USAID does not have any additional information to share in response to this question at this time.

36. **Burma:** Does USAID anticipate any new opportunities for Burma focused on health in FY20?

USAID Response: None at this time.

37. **Burma:** Does USAID anticipate any new opportunities for Burma focused on energy in FY20?

USAID Response: None at this time.

38. **Burma:** Does USAID/Burma anticipate any new or follow-on activities for current market system development programs, such as Value Chains for Rural Development or Private Sector Development (PSD) Activity

USAID Response: USAID/Burma is in the process of designing a new activity to promote inclusive economic growth through facilitation of responsible investment and trade. In this regard, an RFI, Notice ID – RFI_USAID_Burma_RITA, was posted November 21, 2019 on beta.SAM.gov to request for comments and input to better inform the design of the forthcoming new USAID Responsible Investment and Trade Activity (RITA).

39. **Burma:** Economic Restructuring Activity
- a. Does USAID anticipate that the activity will be back on the forecast? If so, when is the Anticipated SOL Release date?

USAID Response: USAID/Burma is in the process of designing a new activity to promote inclusive economic growth through facilitation of responsible investment and trade. In this regard, an RFI, Notice ID RFI_USAID_Burma_RITA, was posted November 21, 2019 on beta.SAM.gov to request for comments and input to better inform the design of the forthcoming new USAID Responsible Investment and Trade Activity (RITA).

40. **Burma:** Trade Activity

- a. Can USAID kindly add an award description to the USAID/Burma Trade Activity?
- b. Could USAID please provide any further information on the objectives and focus areas of this opportunity, geographical focus, and/or whether USAID intends to restrict eligibility to local entities?
- c. Can USAID clarify whether this will be a task order under an IDIQ, such as the PFM II IDIQ?
- d. May USAID confirm whether the Burma Trade Activity is a follow-on to any previous programs?
- e. To what extent, if any, will this procurement be connected agriculture and/or food security?
- f. Does USAID intend on releasing an RFI or Draft SOO for this opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID/Burma is not ready to add an award description at this point, however, please see the reference to the posted RFI above, which will provide you with a general idea of the programmatic areas that may be covered. Other than that it will be a contract, the specific type of contract mechanism has not been decided. This is not a follow-on activity. The RFI discusses agriculture as a potential area of focus.

41. **Burundi:** Beyond the GBV and OVC Local Awards currently in the business forecast, does USAID anticipate releasing any solicitations for Burundi within the next 24 months?

USAID Response: There are no planned solicitations at this time.

42. **Cameroon:** Can USAID/Cameroon confirm if there will be follow-ons to the Continuum of Prevention, Care, and Treatment of HIV/AIDS for Most At-Risk Populations (CHAMP) project or the Key Interventions to Develop Systems and Services (KIDSS) project? If so, can USAID/Cameroon provide information such as anticipated timing of solicitations and pre-solicitation notices, project scopes, award mechanisms, or award dates?

USAID Response: The procurement plan for both CHAMP and KIDSS includes three-year cost extensions. The anticipated award dates for both these cost extensions is December 31, 2019. Please continue monitoring the business forecast for any new prospective opportunities.

43. **Cambodia:** Does USAID anticipate any new opportunities for Cambodia related to governance or natural resources management for FY20?

USAID Response: Please continue monitoring the business forecast for any new prospective opportunities.

44. **Cambodia:** Can USAID/Cambodia confirm if they are planning to design and solicit a Private Sector Health Systems Procurement in FY2020?

USAID Response: All competitive opportunities are listed in the business forecast accordingly. Please continue monitoring the business forecast for any new prospective opportunities.

45. **Cambodia:** Global Labor Program LWA: Labor and Consumer Rights Activity
a. Does USAID anticipate that the following activity will be back on the forecast? If so, when is the Anticipated SOL Release date?

USAID Response: An Associate Cooperative Agreement award has been made and no additional opportunities are planned under this LWA.

46. **Cambodia:** Strengthening Civil Society Globally (SCS Global) LWA: Social Accountability Innovation Activity
a. Does USAID anticipate that the following activity will be back on the forecast? If so, when is the Anticipated SOL Release date?

USAID Response: An Associate Cooperative Agreement award has been made and no additional opportunities are planned under this LWA.

47. **Cambodia:** All Children Learning
a. This task order was previously listed on the forecast. Does USAID still intend to release this task order?

USAID Response: A task order contract award has been made and no additional opportunities are planned.

48. **Cambodia:** Integrated Early Childhood Development Activity
a. Can USAID confirm whether the forecasted December 13, 2019 release date is still accurate? If not, please provide an update on the anticipated solicitation release.

USAID Response: Please continue monitoring the business forecast for any updates.

49. **Central African Republic:** Central Africa Third Party Monitoring for FFP
a. Is the opportunity expected to come out as a task order under an existing IDIQ?
b. Will it be a small business set-aside?
c. What is the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: This opportunity was released to a large pool holders under OASIS on October 18, 2019. There was no small business set-aside. USAID has extended the due date for proposals by four weeks.

50. **Central African Republic:** Does USAID anticipate releasing any solicitations for the Central African Republic within the next 24 months?

USAID Response: No additional information is available at this time.

51. **Central Asia:** Can USAID confirm that there are no planned activities for Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, or Uzbekistan in FY 2020?

USAID Response: Please refer to the updated Business Forecast report. Note that Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan planned activities, if any, will always be listed under USAID/Central Asia. The planned activities for Kyrgyz Republic will be listed under USAID/Kyrgyz Republic (since USAID/Kyrgyz Republic is a separate USAID mission).

52. **Central Asia:** Regional Water and Environment Program

- a. CUSAID released an RFI for this opportunity on 9/20/19, however it has not yet been posted to the forecast. Could USAID please provide an update on the contracting mechanism, dollar value, and anticipated release date for this opportunity?
- b. Could USAID provide the anticipated contracting mechanism for the Central Asia Regional Water and Environment Program? The opportunity to comment on the RFI was posted on both [FBO.GOV](https://www.fbo.gov) and [GRANTS.GOV](https://www.grants.gov)

USAID Response: We have nothing more to share at this time.

53. **Central Asia:** Does USAID anticipate any procurements other than the Value Add Program in FY2020 for Uzbekistan?

USAID Response: Yes, please see the updated Business Forecast report.

54. **Central Asia:** Bilateral Uzbekistan Value Add Program

- a. USAID recently released a Request for Information for the USAID/Central Asia Bilateral Uzbekistan Value Add Program but no such program appears on the Business Forecast. Could USAID please provide anticipated size, timing, and procurement instrument?

USAID Response: The Uzbekistan Agribusiness Development Activity has been added to the Business Forecast.

55. **Central Asia:** Maintaining Progress Against HIV in Central Asia

- a. USAID/Central Asia released a request for information in March 2019 for Maintaining Progress Against HIV in Central Asia. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated timing of the solicitation and pre-solicitation notice, project scope, award mechanism, and award date?
- b. Does USAID intend to restrict eligibility to local entities?

USAID Response: This activity will be implemented through a field support mechanism. USAID/CA does not plan to procure a stand-alone activity.

56. **Colombia:** Amazon Forests and Biodiversity Project

- a. Can USAID provide an update for the award type for the USAID/Colombia Amazon Forests and Biodiversity Project?
- b. Would USAID please check and confirm whether the anticipated solicitation release date of 3/31/2020 is still accurate?
- c. Will a presolicitation be issued prior to the release of the solicitation?
- d. Has USAID made a decision about the contracting mechanism and small business set-aside status for the Amazon Forests and Biodiversity activity? Does USAID/Colombia intend to update the forecast with this information in advance of the solicitation release date?

USAID Response: This will be a contract, with no set-aside for small businesses. Yes, this date is still accurate. USAID is not planning on any presolicitation.

57. **Colombia:** Consultant, Advisory and Logistic Services

- a. Could USAID please provide a procurement update and timeline for the Consultant, Advisory and Logistic Services requirement for USAID/Colombia?

USAID Response: The business forecast estimate for the release of the solicitation was updated. No other new info at this time.

58. **Colombia:** Partners for Transparency

- a. Can USAID confirm the Action Type?
- b. Can USAID confirm the intended Total Estimated Cost/Amount Range?
- c. Can USAID please confirm the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date?
- d. Can USAID please confirm the Anticipated Award Date?

USAID Response: This activity will be a cooperative agreement. The TEC around is \$10M - \$24,999,99. The anticipated solicitation release date is December 13, 2019 and the anticipated award date is May 30, 2019.

59. **Colombia:** Youth Resilience Activity

- a. Does USAID intend to engage offerors in co-creation – be it a specific co-creation engagement or other collaborative techniques such as the release of an RFI, draft SOW, etc. – for the forecasted Youth Resilience Activity?
- b. Would USAID please check and confirm whether the anticipated solicitation release date of 4/30/2020 is still accurate?
- c. Does USAID anticipate a presolicitation will be issued prior to the release of the solicitation?
- d. Due to the complexities of this potential activity, required due diligence, and adherence to USG rules and regulations, will USAID confirm if Category I PIOs will be eligible to pursue this opportunity as a prime applicant?

- e. Per the Business Forecast the current estimated agreement value is \$50mm - \$99.9mm. Can USAID Colombia provide a more specific estimated agreement value?
- f. Also, will USAID Colombia host a bidders conference for this opportunity, and if so, when?
- g. Are there any particular target regions or municipalities that USAID intends to engage within Colombia?
- h. Under the planned activity, will USAID/Colombia include Venezuelan youth migrants as part of the vulnerable youth populations the program will support?

USAID Response: USAID may possibly engage offerors in co-creation in an industry day for the forecasted Youth Resilience Activity. Yes, 4/30/2020 is an accurate solicitation release date. No, a presolicitation will not be issued prior to the release of the solicitation. Open to all applicants, subject to applicable USG regulations and USAID policies. No, USAID cannot confirm that Category I PIOs will be eligible to pursue this opportunity as a prime applicant. No, USAID/Colombia cannot provide a more specific estimated agreement value. It is to be determined if there are target regions or municipalities that USAID intends to engage within Colombia. It is to be determined if USAID/Colombia will include Venezuelan youth migrants as part of the vulnerable youth populations that the program will support.

60. **Côte d'Ivoire:** Does USAID plan to issue any health procurements for Côte d'Ivoire in FY20? If so, could USAID provide information on the anticipated technical focus and timing?

USAID Response: Yes. Health procurements are anticipated for FY20. Technical focus will be on Malaria, Maternal and Child Health (MCH) and Family Planning (FP). Anticipated timing of solicitation releases(s) is TBD but normally no later than March 2020.

61. **DRC:** USAID Funded Forestry and Biodiversity Support Activity

- a. "USAID Funded Forestry and Biodiversity Support Activity" is still on the forecast with an expected release date of 4/30/2019. Does this refer to the already-released SOL-72060519R00004, or is USAID planning another opportunity in this sector?

USAID Response: Yes, it refers to SOL-72060519R00004. Proposals submitted are currently being reviewed by the Technical Evaluation Committee.

62. **DRC:** USAID Conservation through Economic Empowerment in Republic of Congo

- a. Could USAID please provide an update regarding the anticipated release date for this opportunity?
- b. Could USAID please confirm that this procurement is not a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date is sometime has now been updated and will occur in or around February 2020. It is not a small-business set-aside.

63. **DRC:** Can USAID please provide an update on discussions regarding a joint peacebuilding and DRG activity?

USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate awarding a joint peacebuilding activity.

64. **DRC:** Does USAID plan to issue a follow-on to the Monitoring, Evaluation and Coordination Contract? If so, could USAID please update the business forecast with relevant information?

USAID Response: USAID is planning a follow on to the Monitoring, Evaluation and Coordination Contract which will be issued for full and open competition. The Scope of Work is still being drafted.

65. **DRC:** In the FY19 Q3 business forecast call, USAID shared that it is planning an assistance award for the Democratic Republic of the Congo “focusing on flexible and responsive education services for conflict-affected children and youth, with mid-to-late September 2019 as the anticipated solicitation release date.” Can USAID provide any updated information about the timing and/or scope of this activity?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation release date for the Children and Youth Education Response Activity (CYERA) is April 2020. The Five-year activity will target children and youth (both girls and boys) living in crisis- and conflict-affected communities of Ituri, North Kivu, and South Kivu, with the capacity to deliver rapid education services in other provinces (e.g., Tanganyika, Kasai Central) if and when requested based on anticipated needs. This will be an assistance mechanism (cooperative agreement).

66. **DRC:** Bed net Distribution Project

- a. The forecast entry for this opportunity still indicates a release date of 7/15/2019. Can USAID please provide an updated anticipated solicitation release?
- b. Will it be issued as a full and open competition or as a task order under an IDIQ? If it will be an IDIQ, can USAID kindly confirm which one?

USAID Response: The forecast has been updated. The anticipated release date is now in January 2020. It will be issued as a full and open competition.

67. **DRC:** Agriculture Diversification and Market Systems for Resilience Activity (also Strengthening Livelihoods and Resilience Activity)

- a. The forecast has not been updated since the release of an RFI under the STARR II IDIQ under the title Strengthening Livelihoods and Resilience Activity. Could USAID/DRC please confirm that these are the same opportunities?

- b. Could USAID/DRC please confirm that it intends to procure this opportunity as a task order under the STARR II IDIQ?
- c. Could USAID please confirm that this will not be a small business set-aside?
- d. The current anticipated release date of 8/01/2019 is past due. Could USAID/DRC kindly provide an update to the anticipated release date for this procurement?

USAID Response: Yes, they represent the same opportunity. USAID confirms that this opportunity will be procured under STARR II IDIQ. USAID confirms that this will not be a small business set aside. The forecast has been updated. USAID/DRC plans to release the RFTOP in January 2020.

68. **DRC:** Does USAID/Democratic Republic of Congo anticipate releasing any global health security or Ebola activities in FY20?

USAID Response: No specific activities are currently envisioned.

69. **DRC.** It is anticipated that USAID/DRC will be releasing solicitations for education programs to further the work delivered under ACCELERE!. Could USAID provide any details regarding number of solicitations, scope(s), approximate value(s), and release date(s)?

USAID Response: USAID will update the Business Forecast to reflect the future release of a Foundational Literacy for Improved Education Resilience (FLIER) activity. This activity seeks transformative, community-based approaches to effectively building the reading habits of students and communities. The total estimated cost/amount is approximately \$38 million, with a large focus on eastern DRC. Release date is estimated on/about April 2020. No determination has been made of the type of mechanism.

70. **DRC:** Does USAID have an update on Promoting free and open media in the DRC activity?

USAID Response: The five-year, USAID-funded Media Sector Development Activity launched in July 2019. We do not anticipate awarding an additional stand-alone media activity at this time.

71. **DRC:** Basic Education Activity

- a. Can USAID please confirm the anticipated release date for the DRC Basic Education Activity?
- b. Does USAID/DRC consider the DRC Basic Education Activity to be a follow-on to the ACCELERE! Project? If yes, can USAID confirm what ACCELERE! components would be included in the DRC Basic Education Activity?
- c. Does USAID have an update on the Basic Education and referenced in the Q3 Question & Responses concerning the technical scope, timing of the solicitation, and expected mechanism?

USAID Response: USAID will release the Foundational Literacy for Improved Education Resilience (FLIER) activity on/about early April. Largely, yes. Approximately 60% will build on the larger set of ACCELERE! Program models. Through FLIER, USAID seeks transformative approaches to effectively building the reading habits of students and communities. The total estimated cost/amount is approximately \$38 million, with a large focus on eastern DRC. Release date is estimated on/about April 2020. A focus on primary education, grades 1-3 specifically, reading and writing, engaging local partners. The type of mechanism has not been determined yet.

72. **DRC:** Feed the Future Agriculture Diversification and Market Systems for Resilience
- a. Can USAID please provide an updated anticipated release date for the Feed the Future Agriculture Diversification and Market Systems for Resilience solicitation, given that the August 1, 2019 date on the Business Forecast has passed?
 - b. Can USAID provide confirmation as to the value chains that will be covered as part of the Agriculture Diversification and Market Systems for Resilience solicitation?
 - c. Given the particular security challenges of operating in the Ituri region, can USAID clarify if they continue to see this as a likely geographic intervention area for the forthcoming Agriculture Diversification and Market Systems for Resilience solicitation?

USAID Response: USAID will release the Feed the Future Agriculture Diversification and Markets Systems for Resilience activity for solicitation before the end of February 2020. The value chains will not be predefined. Despite the recent security challenges, the geographic intervention area will still be the Ituri province.

73. **DRC:** WASH Broad Agency Announcement
- a. Would USAID provide an update on the award status of the USAID/DRC WASH BAA co-creation process?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates three awards out of this BAA. All are currently at different stages of co-creation and/or negotiation.

74. **DRC:** Strengthening Livelihoods and Resilience
- a. Are there any updates on the release of the Strengthening Livelihoods and Resilience RFTOP in the Democratic Republic of the Congo?

USAID Response: This RFTOP will be released before February 2020. The Forecast has been updated.

75. **Ecuador:** It is our understanding that USAID will increase its programming in Ecuador. Does USAID anticipate issuing any solicitations for Ecuador in this fiscal year? If so, when, and in what technical area will future solicitations be issued?

USAID Response: USAID will update the Business Forecast as soon as we have an idea of future programming and solicitations.

76. **Egypt:** Business Egypt

- a. Would USAID please check and confirm whether the anticipated solicitation release date of 3/01/2020 is still accurate?
- b. Will a presolicitation be issued prior to the release of the solicitation?
- a. Is this considered the follow-on project to the Strengthening Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development (SEED) activity

USAID Response: Dates were revised in the A&A Plan. It has not been determined yet if a presolicitation will be issued prior to the release of the solicitation. Please check the RFI/RFP when issued.

77. **Egypt:** Services to Improve Performance Management, Enhance Learning and Evaluation (SIMPLE)

- a. Does USAID anticipate procuring a follow-on to the Services to Improve Performance Management, Enhance Learning and Evaluation (SIMPLE) project? If so, could USAID please update the business forecast with relevant information?
- b. Will it be a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: USAID/Egypt is currently in the process of determining if, and what form, any potential follow-on or similar new activity will take. No further information is available at this time.

78. **Egypt:** Nosf Mesr (Half of Egypt)

- a. Can USAID give an indication of when this opportunity will be added to the USAID business forecast?
- b. What is the expected solicitation release date and award type?
- c. Is this opportunity different from the Women's Empowerment activity in the USAID Business Forecast, scheduled to be released on 9/30/2019?

USAID Response: This opportunity is already in USAID Business Forecast under the name of Women Empowerment Activity. December 31, 2019 is the current date based on the updated date in USAID Business Forecast. It is the same opportunity and the solicitation release date has been modified.

79. **Egypt:** Inter- Community Girls Empowerment

- a. What is the anticipated budget and period of performance of this activity? Will there be an intended link with the Women's Empowerment Project?
- b. Can USAID please confirm when Egypt Girl's Empowerment opportunity is expected to release? The Forecast has it listed as Nov 15th.

USAID Response: USAID/Egypt is currently in the process of designing this activity. No further information is available at this time, although the Business Forecast should

include information regarding the anticipated budget. The date in FORECAST has been modified to December 31, 2019.

80. Egypt: Women's Empowerment

- a. Based on the USAID Business Forecast updates posted on 10/11/2019 the anticipated release date is 9/30, what quarter does USAID now anticipate this opportunity will be released?
- b. Does the Mission intend to make one award for this opportunity, or could a potential co-design conference result in multiple awards?
- c. Will the opportunity continue to prioritize women's economic empowerment or will it shift back towards SRHR and GBV as depicted initially on the forecast?
- d. Does USAID intend a similar volume of support for the Upper Nile Region and greater Cairo?
- e. Has USAID made a decision about the contracting mechanism (full and open contract, cooperative agreement, or small business set-aside) for the Women's Empowerment activity?
- f. Does USAID plan to hold a co-creation event for this opportunity, and at what stage in the procurement process?
- g. Can USAID confirm if the scope described in the Business Forecast is what is anticipated, or if there will be a revision to incorporate a focus on economic empowerment?

USAID Response: The solicitation release date was updated in USAID FORECAST to be December 31, 2019. The activity is in design phase and it has not been decided whether one or more award will result from the solicitation. USAID/Egypt is continuing to design this Activity. No further information is available at this time.

81. El Salvador: Supporting Effective Justice

- a. The Business Forecast states that this opportunity is currently on hold. When does USAID anticipate moving forward with the procurement?
- a. Is USAID re-starting procurement opportunities and new program planning for El Salvador considering recent political progress made between the US and El Salvador?
- b. For the "Northern Triangle" region of North Central America, the "Supporting Effective Justice" opportunity is the only one forecasted. Does USAID anticipate releasing more opportunities, including those previously removed such as the "Citizen Security" opportunity?

USAID Response: We remain optimistic that the governments of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras will take additional actions to further address irregular migration to the United States from and through their countries in time for future funding decisions. Further decisions on funding are conditioned on such actions. We will update the Business Forecast when we have additional information.

82. El Salvador: Citizen Security Activity

- a. Does USAID anticipate that a citizen security activity for El Salvador will be released in FY20, and if so, in which FY Quarter?

USAID Response: We remain optimistic that the governments of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras will take additional actions to further address irregular migration to the United States from and through their countries in time for future funding decisions. Further decisions on funding are conditioned on such actions. We will update the Business Forecast when we have additional information.

83. **El Salvador:** Youth Workforce Development

- a. Does USAID anticipate that a youth workforce development activity for El Salvador will be released in FY20, and if so, in which FY Quarter?

USAID Response: We remain optimistic that the governments of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras will take additional actions to further address irregular migration to the United States from and through their countries in time for future funding decisions. Further decisions on funding are conditioned on such actions. We will update the Business Forecast when we have additional information.

84. **El Salvador:** New Higher Education Activity

- a. Does USAID intend to publish a solicitation for the New Higher Education Activity for which USAID published an RFI in February 2019? If so, could USAID provide information regarding an anticipated release date?

USAID Response: We remain optimistic that the governments of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras will take additional actions to further address irregular migration to the United States from and through their countries in time for future funding decisions. Further decisions on funding are conditioned on such actions. We will update the Business Forecast when we have additional information.

85. **Ethiopia:** Eliminate TB in Ethiopia

- a. What is the estimated solicitation release date for ETBE? What type of award mechanism is anticipated? What will be the geographic coverage?
- b. Can USAID provide updated information on the Eliminate TB in Ethiopia including anticipated release date, award date, or mechanism?
- c. An RFI was released in March 2019 for this opportunity, but it is not currently reflected in the forecast. Could USAID please confirm if this opportunity is still planned, and if so, provide details regarding the anticipated solicitation release date, estimated value range, planned procurement mechanism, and/or whether USAID intends to restrict eligibility to local entities?

USAID Response: USAID/Ethiopia anticipates releasing the ETBE solicitation--a full and open competition (no restriction of eligibility) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) expected to result in an award of a Cooperative Agreement valued in the range of \$25M-\$49.99M--in late December 2019 or early January 2020. The anticipated Geographic Code for this procurement is 935. The anticipated award date is April 2020.

86. **Ethiopia:** READ Monitoring and Evaluation Project

- a. Will this opportunity come out as a rebid and as F&O and/or SB? B. What is the

anticipated solicitation release date, if it plans to come out as a rebid?

USAID Response: Currently, there is no plan for a follow-on activity. If there are any changes, we will be sure to update the USAID Business Forecast.

87. Ethiopia: Organizational Development Services

- a. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date of the Ethiopia Organizational Development Services opportunity for which an RFI was released in June 2019?
- b. What is the intended budget for this project?
- c. Can USAID confirm whether performing this work, as either a prime or subcontractor, will present a conflict of interest for parties wishing to implement other projects from USAID/Ethiopia?
- d. Is USAID planning any agriculture, livestock, or livelihoods for resilience-related procurements for Ethiopia in FY 2020?
- e. Could USAID please update the business forecast with relevant information?

USAID Response: USAID/Ethiopia is still reviewing the responses it received to the RFI. We expect to release the solicitation for in Spring 2020. USAID/Ethiopia anticipates the budget for this activity will be in the range of \$1M-\$3.99M. As the content of the anticipated activity is not finalized, it is premature to determine any conflict of interest (COI) issues. In addition, please note COI issues are determined by the cognizant Contracting/Agreement Officer of future USAID awards. The Pastoral Areas Resilience Activity which was solicited in 2019 is still under review/evaluation with an award anticipated in early 2020. As soon as concrete information is available, USAID/Ethiopia will update the USAID Business Forecast.

88. Ethiopia: WASH or livelihood activities

- a. Is USAID/Ethiopia planning any new or follow-on activities in WASH or livelihoods for FY20?
- b. Is USAID planning follow on activities for the Lowlands WASH or other WASH activities in Ethiopia? Will the mission be updating the forecast with any new pending opportunities?
- c. We have heard there will be education opportunities coming shortly in Ethiopia. Can USAID provide information on the type (basic education, education in emergencies, etc.) and whether it will fall under the pastoralist strategy or not

USAID Response: The current livelihoods activities run until FY 22. If there are any changes, we will be sure to update the USAID Business Forecast. The current end date for the Lowland WASH activity is December 2020. USAID is planning a follow-on activity. USAID/Ethiopia will update the USAID Business Forecast as soon as we have concrete information. USAID/Ethiopia is conducting a desk review to determine the type of new activity with basic education funds. It is likely to fall under both basic education and education in emergency, since most pastoral areas are also prone to conflict. The exact type of activity will be determined once the desk review is finalized.

89. Ethiopia: Ethiopia Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Service Activity

- a. Can USAID please confirm whether there will be an anticipated follow-on for the Ethiopia Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Service Activity (EPMES)? If so, could USAID please provide an anticipated release date?

USAID Response: USAID/Ethiopia anticipates releasing a follow-on to the current activity. The Mission is in the initial stages of the activity design. Once the design of the potential follow-on activity is finalized, the Mission will publish the relevant information in the USAID Business Forecast.

90. **Ethiopia:** Promoting Opportunities through Training, Education, Transition Investment, and Livelihoods for Youth

- a. Is USAID intending to issue a RFA/RFP for the “Promoting Opportunities through Training, Education, Transition Investment, and Livelihoods for Youth (POTENTIAL)” Project?

USAID Response: Currently there is no plan for a new activity.

- b. If not, does USAID plan to release other new activities that will incorporate components of POTENTIAL?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID is currently designing a new integrated youth project that combines economic, social and civic engagement opportunities. Once the design of this activity is finalized, the Mission will publish the relevant information in the USAID Business Forecast.

91. **Ethiopia:** We have heard there will be education opportunities coming shortly in Ethiopia. Can USAID provide information on the type (basic education, education in emergencies, etc.) and whether it will fall under the pastoralist strategy or not.

USAID Response: USAID/Ethiopia is conducting a desk review to determine the type of new activity with basic education funds. It is likely to fall under both basic education and education in emergency, since most pastoral areas are also prone to conflict. The exact type of activity will be determined once the desk review is finalized.

92. **Ethiopia:** Agriculture and Food Security Sector

- a. Does USAID plan to release any new procurements in the agriculture and food security sector in Ethiopia in the near future?

USAID Response: There are no plans for such new activities in the near future. If there are any changes, we will be sure to update the USAID Business Forecast.

93. **Georgia:** Georgia Study on Educational Outcomes for the ASCENT Program

- a. Will this opportunity come out as full and open?
- b. Can USAID please provide an update on the solicitation release date?
- c. Has USAID determined the mechanism for this procurement?
- d. Does USAID intend to restrict the competition to local companies?

USAID Response: Full and Open Notice of Funding Opportunity for ASCENT Activity was issued on July 1, 2019. USAID intends to award one Cooperative Agreement. The NOFO was not restricted to local organizations.

94. **Georgia:** Does USAID anticipate releasing any solicitations related to conflict mitigation within the next 18 months?

USAID Response: On October 25, 2019 the U.S. Agency for International Development's Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation issued Round 2 under the People-To-people (P2P) Reconciliation Fund Annual APS, with USAID/Georgia as one of the participating Missions. Under Round 2, USAID/CMM is seeking concept papers. Submission Deadline- Round 2 is December 20, 2019, 3:00 pm EST (Local time in Washington, D.C.)

95. **Georgia:** Institutional Strengthening Program

- a. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated mechanism and release date for the Georgia Institutional Strengthening opportunity?
- b. Can USAID please indicate if the USAID/Georgia Institutional Strengthening Program will be a small business set-aside?
- c. Could USAID confirm the incumbent requirement for this program?
- d. Can USAID confirm that this project is a follow-on to the ongoing HICD 2020 project?
- e. Will USAID issue a draft SOW or RFI prior to issuing a formal solicitation?
- f. Would USAID consider issuing this project as a local source procurement?

USAID Response: The anticipated mechanism is a competitive contract. The anticipated solicitation release date is 01/30/2020. It is not decided yet if the USAID/Georgia Institutional Strengthening Program will be a small business set-aside. The incumbent is ME&A implementing HICD 2020. This project can be viewed as follow-on to the ongoing HICD 2020, but the SOW for the new contract will have new components as well. Yes, prior to formal solicitation USAID is planning to issue a Request for Information (RFI). Current intention is that this will be a full and open competition, sources not restricted.

96. **Ghana:** Can USAID/Ghana provide an update on the procurement timeline for new agriculture/Feed the Future/economic growth activities? Many opportunities have been removed from the business forecast.

USAID Response: Not at this time. Please continue to monitor the USAID business forecast for announcement of future opportunities.

97. **Ghana:** Domestic Revenue Mobilization

- a. Can USAID indicate if the Ghana Mission is intending to have a Domestic Revenue Mobilization activity?

USAID Response: USAID/Ghana already has a Domestic Resource Mobilization activity that is being conducted with technical assistance from our colleagues at the U.S.

Treasury's Office of Technical Assistance. Any opportunities for third parties to participate would be listed in the business forecast.

98. **Ghana:** Fisheries Activity

- a. USAID/Ghana posted the Ghana Fisheries Activity to the forecast on 8/21/19, however this opportunity no longer appears on the forecast. Could USAID/Ghana please provide an update on the contracting mechanism, dollar value, and anticipated release date for this opportunity. Will USAID/Ghana release an RFI for this opportunity prior to the release of the solicitation?

USAID Response: Not at this time. Please continue to monitor the USAID business forecast for announcement of future opportunities.

99. **Ghana:** Does USAID plan to solicit any agriculture activities in Ghana in FY20 other than the Trade and Investment Activity?

USAID Response: USAID/Ghana continues to develop its Country Development Cooperation Strategy at this time. Please continue to monitor the USAID business forecast for announcement of future opportunities.

100. **Ghana:** Trade and Investment

- a. Is this opportunity a follow-on to USAID's ADVANCE activity? Is USAID planning to have an ADVANCE follow-on activity?
- b. Can USAID/Ghana please confirm that this procurement will not be a small business set-aside?
- c. Will USAID/Ghana release an RFI for this opportunity prior to the release of the RFP?
- d. Can USAID provide additional detail about the scope of work?
- e. Can USAID confirm that it still intends to release the solicitation on January 30, 2020?

USAID Response: No, this is not an ADVANCE follow-on activity. We have not yet determined whether we will have an ADVANCE follow-on activity. Please continue to check the business forecast for more information about any future programming. We cannot confirm or deny that the procurement will be a small business set-aside at this time. We have not yet determined whether we will release an RFI prior to the release of the RFP. Unfortunately, we cannot provide any more information about the scope of the activity at this time. We always hope to contain our best estimates of the release date of our procurements in the business forecast. Some dates can slip; however, and we will update the business forecast accordingly in the event that they are early or delayed.

101. **Ghana:** Can USAID/Ghana confirm that it plans to release a solicitation for a WASH project in FY20?

USAID Response: USAID/ Ghana anticipates posting a WASH solicitation in the near future. Please keep monitoring the Business Forecast for all health-related upcoming opportunities.

102. **Ghana:** Does USAID anticipate releasing an updated CDCS before releasing new procurements under the Ghana Global Food Security Strategy?

USAID Response: The CDCS is being conducted under a new process and as a result, we do not have an exact date when it will be approved. At this time, we do not know whether any new procurements would occur before or after the CDCS is approved.

103. **Ghana:** The GFSS Country Plan for Ghana dated August 10, 2018 alludes to two large activities, 1) to improve ag-led growth, resilience and nutrition and 2) trade and investment activity. Does USAID intend to have two separate procurements for these activities?

USAID Response: We have not yet determined whether the activities in question that are contained in the GFSS Country Plan will happen in one or two procurements. We encourage you to continue to check the business forecast for the most recent information about any future opportunities.

104. **Ghana:** Resiliency in Northern Ghana (RING)
a. Does USAID anticipate releasing a follow-on activity to Resiliency in Northern Ghana (RING) activity?

USAID Response: Northern Ghana continues to be a key geographic focus of USAID's partnership in Ghana. We are using the lessons learned from the Resiliency in Northern Ghana (RING) activity to help define future support. Any new activity will be posted on the Business Forecast.

105. **Ghana:** Market Systems and Resilience Activity
a. Can USAID kindly confirm if this opportunity will proceed, given that it was deleted from the business forecast?
b. If so, can USAID please confirm the anticipated release date and contracting mechanism? Does USAID anticipate releasing an RFI for this activity?

USAID Response: Any information about our future programming will be included in the business forecast and we encourage you to continue to check it to see if any opportunities arise.

106. **Ghana:** Does USAID have updated information on potential new education activities in Ghana?

USAID Response: Not at this time. Education is still a key focus of USAID's development work in Ghana. Any new activity will be posted on the Business Forecast.

107. **Ghana:** Does USAID anticipate any health-related funding opportunities for Ghana in the coming year?

USAID Response: Yes, and all health-related funding opportunities will be posted on the Business Forecast.

108. **Guatemala:** HIV Prevention for Key Populations Project

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing the Guatemala HIV Prevention for Key Populations Project, formerly known as the Reaching & Linking Key Populations (Combination Prevention) Project in FY20?

USAID Response: We are evaluating this activity due to recent PEPFAR guidance.

109. **Guatemala:** Can USAID clarify the status for funding opportunities in Guatemala

USAID Response: Due to the limited availability of funding for USAID/Guatemala we are approaching each opportunity on a case-by-case basis.

110. **Guatemala:** Justice and Transparency

- a. The Mission received proposals in response to this solicitation last year. Could USAID please clarify if this procurement is cancelled?
- b. Does USAID/Guatemala intend to re-solicit the Justice and Transparency opportunity? If yes, can USAID provide an anticipated release date for the solicitation?

USAID Response: The procurement was not canceled. We now have authority to proceed with current offerors, subject to the availability of funding. We will not re-solicit.

111. **Guatemala:** Does USAID anticipate releasing a new solicitation on justice and transparency in the upcoming months?

USAID Response: No, we will continue the solicitation process with the current offerors since we did not cancel the solicitation.

112. **Guatemala:** National Institutions Strengthening for Accountable Governance

- a. Does USAID intend to issue a solicitation for the National Institutions Strengthening for Accountable Governance project?

USAID Response: No, we will not be able to continue with this design, as it no longer reflects current U.S. Government and Government of Guatemala priorities. We will update the Business Forecast when we have additional information.

113. **Guatemala:** Improved Health and Nutrition Project

- a. Does USAID still plan to award the Guatemala Health and Nutrition project, or has it been cancelled? If so, what is the expected award date?

USAID Response: We are awaiting further guidance regarding available funding. An award date cannot be set unless and until funding is available.

114. **Guinea:** Are there any planned procurements for USAID/Guinea?

USAID Response: The Health Service Delivery Project (HSD) activity is planned for USAID/Guinea.

115. **Haiti:** Haiti High Potential MSMEs

- a. Does USAID have an update on the MSMEs procurement and anticipated next steps date for the BAA process?

USAID Response: USAID received six submissions in response to the request for concept notes. One concept was green-lighted with comments. Co-development with the selected partner will start on the second week of December and contract negotiation will start early January 2020.

116. **Haiti:** Is USAID planning on any solicitations in economic growth, or education given that recent projects in those sectors have come to a close?

USAID Response: USAID will start the design a new Domestic Resource Mobilization activity in mid-January, 2020. An RFP is scheduled to be released by May/June 2020.

117. **Haiti:** In the FY19 Quarter 3 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID noted that “USAID/Haiti is in the design process for two possible activities that will have an HIV-focus that are anticipated to be awarded by the end of the fiscal year, subject to availability of funding.” Can USAID/Haiti provide an update on where the design process is for these activities, and any additional information such as project scope(s), timing, and award mechanism?

USAID Response: No additional information is available at this time.

118. **Haiti:** Does USAID/Haiti have plans to design and implement an agriculture activity in Haiti? If so, when might potential implementing partners expect to see the terms of reference for such an activity?

USAID Response: USAID has started the design of the new agriculture project and an RFP is scheduled to be released by July 2020.

119. **Honduras:** Feed the Future Building Country Capacity

- a. Does USAID/Honduras intend to release a solicitation for the Feed the Future Building Country Capacity activity in FY20? A forecast update in late September

showed an anticipated release date of 3/31/2020 before it was taken off the forecast – is this date accurate?

- b. Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or RFI for this program?

USAID Response: We remain optimistic that the governments of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras will take additional actions to further address irregular migration to the United States from and through their countries in time for future funding decisions. Further decisions on funding are conditioned on such actions. We will update the Business Forecast when we have additional information.

120. **Honduras: Integrated Violence Prevention Activity**

- a. This opportunity was posted on the Business Forecast, then placed on hold and removed. Please provide an update on this opportunity.

USAID Response: We remain optimistic that the governments of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras will take additional actions to further address irregular migration to the United States from and through their countries in time for future funding decisions. Further decisions on funding are conditioned on such actions. We will update the Business Forecast when we have additional information.

121. **Honduras: Strengthening Democratic Foundations Activity**

- a. This opportunity was posted on the Business Forecast, then placed on hold and removed. Please provide an update on this opportunity.

USAID Response: We remain optimistic that the governments of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras will take additional actions to further address irregular migration to the United States from and through their countries in time for future funding decisions. Further decisions on funding are conditioned on such actions. We will update the Business Forecast when we have additional information.

122. **Honduras: Foundations for Political Change**

- a. Does USAID have an anticipated release date for the solicitation?

USAID Response: We remain optimistic that the governments of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras will take additional actions to further address irregular migration to the United States from and through their countries in time for future funding decisions. Further decisions on funding are conditioned on such actions. We will update the Business Forecast when we have additional information.

123. **Honduras: Can USAID please advise if any specific opportunities are expected focused on youth economic empowerment?**

USAID Response: We remain optimistic that the governments of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras will take additional actions to further address irregular migration to the United States from and through their countries in time for future

funding decisions. Further decisions on funding are conditioned on such actions. We will update the Business Forecast when we have additional information.

124. **Honduras:** Would USAID please clarify if Honduras Agricultural opportunity is expected to be released? If so, would USAID please provide the anticipated scope of the activity?

USAID Response: We remain optimistic that the governments of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras will take additional actions to further address irregular migration to the United States from and through their countries in time for future funding decisions. Further decisions on funding are conditioned on such actions. We will update the Business Forecast when we have additional information.

125. **India: Renewable Energy Program**
- a. Can USAID please provide an estimated release date for the South Asia EDGE/India Regional Energy Program?
 - b. WASH: Given India's designation as a priority country under the Global Water Strategy, does USAID anticipate a new activity in WASH in the future?

USAID Response: Renewable Energy Program: The estimated RFTOP release date for South Asia EDGE/India Regional Energy Program is the end of January 2020 and the estimated award date is summer 2020. Please see updated Forecast for this proposed activity. WASH: Yes, the Mission has included an anticipated WASH activity in the Business Forecast. A&A Business Forecast Plan will be updated regularly to reflect changes on this procurement action, in the future.

126. **India: MCH+FP Newer Interventions**
- a. MCH+FP Newer Interventions/India – Can USAID kindly provide more information about the technical scope, timing of the solicitation, and expected mechanism of this project?
 - b. Can USAID share further information on the anticipated geographic scope of this activity? Is USAID expecting a focus on urban, peri-urban, and/or rural areas?
 - c. Can USAID please confirm whether eligibility to prime will be restricted to local and/or regional organizations?
 - d. Can USAID please confirm the Award/Action Type?

USAID Response: Currently, this procurement action is in design phase. The title of this activity has changed to FH - Accelerator Saving Mothers & Their Newborns. The Instrument selection is yet to be determined. The estimated release date for this action is February 2020. A&A Business Forecast Plan will be updated regularly to reflect any changes on this procurement action, in the future. The geographic scope will be 937. The activity is anticipated to focus on high priority states and districts in India in both urban and rural areas. As more information becomes available on whether or not the eligibility to prime will be restricted will be updated in the A&A Business Forecast. The Instrument selection is yet to be determined.

127. **Indonesia:** Does USAID/Indonesia anticipate any new or follow-on WASH or youth employment activities in FY20?

USAID Response: No information is available at this time other than what is listed on the Business Forecast.

128. **Indonesia:** BANTU
- a. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date of the Indonesia short-term and long-term Health technical assistance project – BANTU?
 - b. Does USAID anticipate issuing an request for information before the full solicitation, and could USAID provide any information such as anticipated timing of the solicitation, project scope, award mechanism, or award date?

USAID Response: No information is available at this time other than what is listed on the Business Forecast.

129. **Indonesia:**
- a. Can USAID please confirm if the USAID/Indonesia Economic Growth Activity will be a small business set-aside and when the opportunity is expected to be released?

USAID Response: The USAID/Indonesia Economic Growth Activity has already been awarded to a small business.

130. **Indonesia:** Energy Program in Indonesia
- a. Does USAID still anticipate ENV – Energy Program in Indonesia to be released at the end of January, as shown in the forecast or does USAID have an updated release date?
 - b. Would USAID confirm that the upcoming Energy Program in Indonesia will be a task order under the newly awarded Energy II IDIQ?
 - c. Would USAID confirm whether or not this will be a small business set aside—it is currently TBD in the forecast?
 - d. Is cocreation or a multi-stage process envisioned for this procurement?

USAID Response: To date, the anticipated release date for the solicitation remains as in the Business Forecast. The Energy activity will be procured as a task order contract under the the Energy II IDIQ. The Energy activity will not be a small business set aside. The Energy activity will integrate principles of co-creation.

131. **Indonesia:** ENV Terrestrial Program in Indonesia
- a. Could USAID please confirm that this procurement will not be a small business set aside?

- b. Could USAID please confirm that this procurement is the same as the Indonesia New Environment Activity?

USAID Response: The Terrestrial activity will not be a small business set aside. Yes, the activity titled “Terrestrial Program in Indonesia” is the same as Indonesia New Environment Activity.

132. **Indonesia:** Improving Local Governance and Service Delivery
 - a. Can USAID clarify the contract mechanism for this opportunity?
 - b. May USAID confirm the anticipated award mechanism for the Improving Local Governance and Service Delivery Activity?
 - c. Will USAID release a pre-solicitation notice with updated information regarding the anticipated design after reviewing responses to the RFI?

USAID Response: USAID/Indonesia is still in the early design phase of this activity and is taking into consideration the responses received from its recent RFI. As soon as a decision is made as to the selection of instrument, the business forecast will be updated. USAID/Indonesia is considering issuing a pre-solicitation notice, however, the activity remains in the early phase of design and no decision has been made at this time.

133. **Indonesia:** Indonesia MEL platform
 - a. Is the anticipated Indonesia MEL platform opportunity considered by USAID/Indonesia to be a small business set-aside?
 - b. Can USAID please confirm that the expected release date for the Indonesia MEL Platform opportunity is still December 11st, 2019?
 - c. Could USAID also please confirm whether the opportunity will be released as full and open?
 - d. Can USAID confirm whether performing this work, as either a prime or subcontractor, will present a conflict of interest for parties wishing to implement other projects from USAID/Indonesia?
 - e. Does USAID have any further information to share on the scope of work?
 - f. Will an RFI be circulated before the final RFP is released?
 - g. Is this activity anticipated to be released through the USAID EVAL ME II IDIQ mechanism?

USAID Response: USAID/Indonesia is still conducting market research. The Business Forecast will be updated regularly to reflect any changes on this anticipated government requirement in the future. January 21 is now the expected release date. USAID cannot confirm, at this time, whether performing this work, as either a prime or subcontractor, will present a conflict of interest for parties wishing to implement other projects from USAID/Indonesia? No additional information is available at this time.

134. **Jamaica:** As USAID/Jamaica’s defined programming under its CDCS expires in 2019, can USAID provide any insights into new programming priorities as the Mission is examining its transition in relation to the Journey to Self-Reliance initiative?

USAID Response: USAID/Jamaica is in the process of developing a new CDCS (2020 - 2025). Activities will be focussed on three priority areas: Citizen Security under the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative (CBSI); Disaster Risk Reduction (Energy Resilience and Disaster Risk Financing); and HIV-AIDS under the President's Emergency Plan for Aids Relief (PEPFAR).

135. **Jordan:** With the anticipated release of the Public Financial Management and Administration (PFMA) opportunity in February 2020, could USAID please make public any reports from the current Fiscal Reform and Public Financial Management Project implemented by Deloitte? There are currently no reports related to the project publicly available on the Development Experience Clearinghouse platform.

USAID Response: USAID/Jordan is currently working on publicizing these reports via the Development Experience Clearinghouse (DEC) Platform.

136. **Jordan:** Building Economic Sustainability through Tourism Project (BEST)
a. Will USAID/Jordan solicit a follow-on to the ongoing BEST tourism development project?

USAID Response: Please monitor the Business Forecast regularly for updates to the anticipated solicitation release date.

137. **Jordan:** Economic Reform Activity (ERA) IDIQ
a. Can USAID please confirm if it anticipates stand-alone task orders under the USAID/Jordan Economic Reform Activity IDIQ?
b. Can USAID please confirm when the USAID/Jordan Economic Reform Activity IDIQ will be awarded?
c. Does USAID have any updates on the anticipated release dates of the Jordan Economic Reform Activity (ERA) IDIQ Task Orders 1 and 2, given the anticipated award date of the IDIQ in February 2020? We noted that in the second amendment to the ERA IDIQ, USAID changed the anticipated award date of the task orders to "TBD upon award."

USAID Response: Yes, USAID anticipates issuing Task Orders under the IDIQ. USAID anticipates the IDIQ award in February, 2020. The Business Forecast was updated to reflect a June, 2020 anticipated award date for Task Order 1. The Task Order 2 anticipated award date is not currently available.

138. **Jordan:** EDY - Architectural and Technical Support Services
a. Can a US firm support a local firm as a subcontractor

USAID Response: Yes, provided the firm is approved by the CO.

139. **Jordan:** WRE - Local Construction Management Contract
a. Can a US firm support a local firm as a subcontractor

- b. Is the September 2019 sources sought known as “Jordan Water & Wastewater Engineering Services” (Solicitation Number: 72027819R00012) the same opportunity listed in the Q3 forecast as “WRE - Local Construction Management Contract”?

USAID Response: Yes, a US firm can support a local firm as a subcontractor provided the firm is approved by the CO. Yes, this is the same opportunity. The name was revised.

140. **Jordan:** Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Activity
 - a. Could USAID confirm if the anticipated award date is correct?
 - b. Can USAID please provide an update as to the likely award date of the Jordan MEL project? Bids were submitted more than a year ago. Further, if USAID can provide any insight into the cause of the delays, bidders would be grateful.

USAID Response: Please monitor the Business Forecast regularly for updates to the anticipated award date. The anticipated award date on the Business Forecast, January 30, 2020, is up to date.

141. **Jordan:** Women's Economic Empowerment and Leadership Activity
 - a. Can USAID confirm that the release date of January 12, 2020 is still up to date?
 - b. Can USAID confirm that this opportunity is still intended to be a Small Business Set-Aside?

USAID Response: Please monitor the Business Forecast regularly for updates to the anticipated solicitation release date. Yes, USAID confirms this opportunity is intended to be a small business set-aside.

142. **Jordan:** Business Growth
 - a. Can USAID confirm that this opportunity is still intended to be a Small Business Set-Aside? The recent RFI indicated this might not be the case.
 - b. Will the dollar value of the procurement will remain between \$25 - \$49.99 million?
 - c. To what extent, if any, will this procurement be connected agriculture and/or food security?

USAID Response: Yes, this activity is intended to be a Small Business Set-Aside with the value between \$25M- \$49.99M. There was an RFI posted with a draft SOO.

143. **Kenya:** Local Partner Service Delivery Activities
 - a. Will USAID update the new anticipated solicitation release dates for the **Kenya Local Partner Service Delivery Activities**? The forecasted dates have lapsed and the solicitations are yet to be released.
 - b. USAID intends to award multiple awards? And if yes, whether applicants need to be able to address all technical areas or they could just select one?

- c. Eligibility to prime this opportunity is restricted to local/indigenous organizations and whether consortiums can include an international organizations?
- d. The opportunity is national in scope or county-specific?

USAID Response: The Business Forecast has been updated with new anticipated solicitation dates. Instructions to applications will be included in the solicitation once released. The Forecast does state that eligibility is restricted to local organizations. No additional information is available at this time.

144. **Kenya:** Local Partner Service Delivery Activity - HIV Clinical and OVC
- a. There is a new potential release date?
 - b. USAID intends to award multiple awards? And if yes, whether applicants need to be able to address all technical areas or they could just select one?
 - c. Eligibility to prime this opportunity is restricted to local/indigenous organizations and whether consortiums can include an international organizations?
 - d. The opportunity is national in scope or county-specific?
 - e. How will the three Local Partner Service Delivery Activity (LPSDA) awards for Kenya link/interface with existing OVC programs in Kenya?
 - f. Does USAID anticipate that the clusters of counties, stated in the three Local Partner Service Delivery Activity (LPSDA) that are currently on the forecast for Kenya will change in the final RFA?

USAID Response: The Business Forecast has been updated with new anticipated solicitation dates. Instructions to applications will be included in the solicitation once released. The Forecast does state that eligibility is restricted to local organizations. No additional information is available at this time.

145. **Kenya:** East Africa Trade and Investment Hub
- a. Would USAID please provide a status update for this opportunity?

USAID Response: We do not anticipate procuring a successor project to the East Africa Trade and Investment Hub. USAID will continue to support trade and investment in East Africa through the 'East Africa Private Sector Engagement in Support of Prosper Africa' APS, which was issued on November 22, 2019. For more information, please refer to the link below: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=72062320APS00001>

146. **Kenya:** Youth Empowerment Activity
- a. Can USAID/Kenya provide an anticipated solicitation release date for the Youth Empowerment Activity, for which an RFI was released in October?
 - b. Will USAID/Kenya expect that 50% of funding be dedicated to local organizations under the anticipated Kenya Youth Empowerment Activity? Could USAID please confirm which mechanism it intends to use for this opportunity?
 - c. Does USAID anticipate issuing one or numerous awards?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation release date for the Youth Empowerment Activity is February 2020. The solicitation, once released, will provide additional information on this issue. The mechanism has not yet been determined. One award is anticipated to be issued.

147. **Kenya:** WASH Activities
- a. Does USAID/Kenya anticipate any new or follow-on WASH activities in FY20?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID/Kenya anticipates new WASH activities in FY20. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates.

148. **Kenya:** Evaluations, Assessments, and Analyses activity
- a. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated award date of the USAID/Kenya and East Africa (USAID/KEA) Evaluations, Assessments, and Analyses activity?

USAID Response: Proposals are still under review. There is no time frame for award.

149. **Kenya:** Regional Integration and Stronger Economies (RISE) and Regional Agriculture and Market Systems (RAMS)
- a. USAID/Kenya and East Africa Regional Integration and Stronger Economies (RISE) IDIQ + TOI: Regional Agriculture and Market Systems (RAMS) Activity: does USAID still anticipate making an award of the RISE IDIQ and RAMS task order on/around December 27, 2019?
 - b. Could USAID please provide details on the anticipated timing and scope of any future task orders under the East Africa RISE IDIQ?

USAID Response: Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates. USAID does not have an anticipated release date for future task orders under the RISE IDIQ. The business forecast will be updated if and when a requirement is identified.

150. **Kenya:** East Africa Private Sector Engagement in Support of Prosper Africa
- a. Would USAID please provide an anticipated solicitation release date for East Africa Private Sector Engagement in Support of Prosper Africa (solicitation number 72062320R00001)? An RFI for this activity was released on 7 October 2019.

USAID Response: The East Africa Private Sector Engagement in Support of Prosper Africa APS was issued on November 22, 2019. For more information, please refer to the link below: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=72062320APS0001>

151. **Kenya:** Does USAID anticipate any economic growth and trade activities in the East Africa region?

USAID Response: USAID recently announced the East Africa Private Sector Engagement in Support of Prosper Africa APS on November 22, 2019 (see response to question 154). No other regional economic growth and trade activities are anticipated at this time.

152. **Kenya:** AHADI

- a. Is USAID planning follow on activities for the AHADI activity or other governance activities in Kenya? Will the mission be updating the forecast with any new pending opportunities?

USAID Response: A new devolution and governance activity is in the planning and design stage, and an award is expected before the end of fiscal year 2020. The forecast will be updated soon as we add more definition to the activity.

153. **Kenya:** Countering Violent Extremism

- a. Does USAID intend to issue an activity focused on Countering Violent Extremism this fiscal year?

USAID Response: A new Countering Violent Extremism activity is in the planning and design stage, and is expected to be awarded before the end of fiscal year 2020.

154. **Kenya:** Tusome Project

- a. Does USAID have any updates on anticipated education activities in Kenya and if it will release a follow-on to the Tusome project?

USAID Response: No information is available at this time.

155. **Kenya:** Niwajibu Wetu II program

- a. Does USAID intend to procure a follow-on project to the Kenya Niwajibu Wetu II program? If so, when is that procurement intended to be released?

USAID Response: A NIWETU II program follow-on is not anticipated, however a new countering violent extremism activity in the planning and design stage with expected award in fiscal year 2020.

156. **Kenya:** Education solicitations

- a. In the FY19Q2 responses many of the questions to the Kenya Mission were not answered so wondering if USAID Kenya is planning to issue any education related solicitations in the next 12-18 months, and if so in what sector and will they be local organizations only?

USAID Response: Education-related solicitations are expected in the next 12-18 months. Information regarding engagement of local organizations will be included in the solicitation. No further information is available at this time.

157. **Kosovo:** New Rule of Law

- a. Has USAID determined whether the New Rule of Law opportunity be free and open?
- b. Would USAID kindly consider providing offerors with a longer turnaround time to accommodate the holiday season when it is challenging to recruit staff and work with local partners?

USAID Response: The New Rule of Law activity will be competed full and open. USAID is aware of the holiday season and will provide offerors sufficient time for submission of their proposals.

158. **Kosovo:** CSO 2.0

- a. Has USAID determined the instrument for the Kosovo CSO 2.0 opportunity?
- b. Can USAID specify the expected type of award for this opportunity and confirm its anticipated release in February 2020?
- c. Can USAID specify if this opportunity will be restricted to local organizations or full and open to international organizations?
- d. Does USAID anticipate releasing a Request for Information prior to the release of Kosovo CSO 2.0?

USAID Response: USAID has not yet determined the instrument for Kosovo CSO 2.0 activity. The expected award type has not yet been determined. USAID anticipates releasing a solicitation in early spring 2020. USAID is considering restricting the opportunity to local organizations. USAID is conducting market research which may include releasing a Request for Information.

159. **Kosovo:** Developing Export-Led Growth

- a. Has USAID determined whether the Developing Export-Led Growth opportunity be full and open or a small business set-aside?
- b. Would USAID kindly consider providing offerors with a longer turnaround time to accommodate the holiday season when it is challenging to recruit staff and work with local partners?

USAID Response: The Export-Led Growth opportunity anticipates full and open competition. Small businesses are encouraged to participate. Yes. USAID will consider a longer turnaround time and/or shift the solicitation release date to accommodate the holiday season.

160. **Kosovo:** Energy Activity

- a. Does USAID anticipate to release the Energy Activity in Kosovo as part of the Energy II IDIQ?

USAID Response: Yes. USAID anticipates releasing Energy Activity in Kosovo as part of the Energy II IDIQ.

161. **Kyrgyzstan:** AgroHorizon

- a. Does USAID plan a follow-on activity of AgroHorizon? If so, can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated solicitation release date?

USAID Response: USAID/Kyrgyz Republic is continuing the planning process for 2019 activities. Please continue to monitor the forecast for the latest information.

162. **Kyrgyzstan:** Agriculture Activity

- a. USAID please confirm the anticipated RFP release date of Kyrgyzstan Agriculture Activity?

USAID Response: USAID cannot confirm an agriculture activity, anticipated RFP, or anticipated RFA release date. Please continue to monitor the forecast for the latest information.

163. **Lebanon:** Economic Growth on Agricultural and Rural Empowerment Program

- a. Could you please advise on the solicitation release date of the Lebanon Agriculture and Rural Empowerment program?
- b. Could USAID please provide updated information on if an RFP will be released soon focused on the potential scope of this RFI? If there is a solicitation expected to be released, would USAID be able to provide information on the value, award/action type, and expected solicitation release date?

USAID Response: Please see the updated Business Forecast entry for further information on this procurement.

164. **Lebanon:** Trade and Investment Facilitation Programming

- a. USAID recently released an RFI titled Lebanon Trade and Investment Facilitation Programming. Can USAID give an indication of when this opportunity will be added to the USAID business forecast? What is the expected solicitation release date and award type?
- b. For the RFI released on October 18th titled *Input into Planning for USAID/Lebanon Office of Economic Growth on Trade and Financial Inclusion Programming*, could USAID please provide any updated information on if an RFP will be released soon focused on the potential scope of this RFI? If there is a solicitation expected to be released, would USAID be able to provide information on the value, award/action type, and expected solicitation release date?

USAID Response: Please see the updated Business Forecast entry for further information on this procurement.

165. **Lebanon:** Performance Management and Support Program

- a. Can USAID please provide an update whether a follow-on will be released for the Performance Management and Support Program for Lebanon? If so, when is the anticipated released date?

USAID Response: USAID/Lebanon does not have any plans for a follow-on procurement for the Performance Management and Support Program in this Fiscal Year.

166. **Lebanon:** M&E Support

- a. When will the RFP be released and will it be full and open?

USAID Response: USAID/Lebanon does not have any plans for an M&E support procurement in this Fiscal Year.

167. **Lebanon:** Water and Sanitation Programming and Initiative to Deliver Essential Assistance and Services

- a. USAID released an RFI that included new opportunities titled the Initiative to Deliver Essential Assistance and Services (IDEAS) activity and the Water Sanitation and Conservation (WSC) activity on 10/30/19, however neither opportunity is listed on the forecast. Will the mission be updating the forecast with these new pending opportunities? Could USAID please clarify the contracting mechanism, dollar value, and anticipated release date for these opportunities?

USAID Response: Please see the updated Business Forecast entry for further information on this procurement.

168. **Laos:** Does USAID anticipate issuing any solicitations for Laos? If so, when, and in what technical area will future solicitations be issued?

USAID Response: Laos is considering issuing a solicitation for an energy activity this FY, but will update the Business Forecast when there is more certainty regarding that potential activity. Beyond energy, there are no other solicitations currently anticipated at this time for this FY.

169. **Laos:** Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship

- a. With the RFI that was released in November of 2018, does USAID plan on adding the USAID/Laos Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship opportunity to the forecast and, if it does, what is the estimate solicitation release date?
- b. Can USAID please confirm if the objectives for the USAID/Laos Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship opportunity will be changed prior to its release, as well as if there will be any other information on the opportunity available prior to release?

USAID Response: USAID is still in the design stage for an entrepreneurship activity, but does not anticipate releasing a solicitation or awarding such an activity this FY. USAID will update the Business Forecast with additional information on any anticipated entrepreneurship activity when more information is available.

170. **Liberia:** Strategic Analysis Activity

- a. Can USAID please provide an update whether a follow-on will be released for the Liberia Strategic Analysis (LSA) Activity which is coming to an end in September 2019?
- b. Does USAID intend to procure a follow-on to the Liberia Strategic Analysis contract that is scheduled to close in November 2020? If so, when is that procurement intended to be released?

USAID Response: The Liberia Strategic Analysis (LSA) contract has a current end date of November, 2020. Currently, USAID is trying to determine the next steps with regards to services currently provided under LSA. Should USAID decide to institute a new or follow-on activity, it will be published in the Agency Forecast.

171. **Liberia:** Strategic Technical Assistance for Improved Health Systems Performance and Health Outcomes

- a. Is USAID's \$3.4 million obligation to Jhpiego in Liberia for the STAIP award?

USAID Response: Yes, the STAIP activity has been awarded and the initial obligated amount is \$3.4m.

172. **Liberia:** Agricultural focused programming

- a. Does USAID/Liberia anticipate releasing agriculture focused programming? If yes, what is the expected release date? If yes, does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or a Request for Information for this anticipated program? If yes, could USAID clarify whether the programming will be in the form of a contract or cooperative agreement, and the size of the procurement?

USAID Response: USAID/Liberia does not anticipate releasing agriculture focused programming in the immediate future. RFIs are an option should USAID decide on any agricultural activities. Should USAID anticipate doing so, it will be included appropriately in the Business Forecast.

173. **Liberia:** Liberian Elections and Democracy (LEAD) Activity

- a. Could USAID please confirm which mechanism it intends to use for this opportunity?
- b. Does USAID still anticipate releasing this solicitation on March 24, 2020? If not what is the revised release date?
- c. Can USAID provide more details about the scope of work?
- d. Can USAID confirm whether its approach to this program has evolved in response to the Request for Information for this opportunity that it released earlier this year?

USAID Response: USAID is currently working on the LEAD to issue a solicitation on or before March 24, 2020. USAID has considered all of the feedback received from the RFI in the final program description. The public is advised to continue to monitor the Agency Business Forecast and the government entry sites. An Assistance instrument is anticipated for this action.

174. **Liberia: New Youth Activity**
- a. This opportunity has been listed on the Forecast for nearly one year, yet the choice of instrument continues to be listed as 'TBD', even after the RFI release late July 2019. Given the anticipated solicitation release date is November 30, 2019, can USAID/Liberia please finalize their decision on the choice of instrument for this particular opportunity?
 - b. Can USAID confirm that the counties covered by this project will be Montserrado, Lofa, and Grand Bassa? If the geographic zones have changed since the release of the RFI, can USAID please clarify what zones will be covered by the Liberia New Youth Activity?
 - c. With respect to the Liberia New Youth Activity, can USAID provide clarification as to whether this program will be targeting youth employment in the service sector or in the agricultural sector?
 - d. Would USAID please check and confirm whether the anticipated solicitation release date of 11/30/2019 is still accurate? Will a presolicitation be issued prior to the release of the solicitation?

USAID Response: USAID is currently working on the solicitation and the determination of the Choice of Instrument prior to release of this activity. The counties covered by this activity has not changed. The activity will target youth employment in the agricultural sector as well as in the service sector. USAID anticipates the release of the solicitation o/a the end of January, 2020.

175. **Liberia: Accountability and Voice Initiative**
- a. Does USAID plan to issue a follow-on to the Liberia Accountability and Voice Initiative? If so, could USAID please update the business forecast with relevant information?

USAID Response: Currently, USAID has not determined any action for this activity. Should USAID decide to institute a new or follow-on activity, appropriate action will be taken to inform the public.

176. **Liberia: Community Health Activity**
- a. Can USAID clarify when to expect the release of a solicitation for USAID Liberia Community Health Activity?
 - b. What will the award type be (contract vs. cooperative agreement)?
 - c. Can USAID confirm if this activity will be split into 2 separate awards or remain one integrated activity under 1 award?
 - d. If two separate awards, can USAID confirm that one will be for community health and another will be for WASH/SBCC?
 - e. Can USAID confirm if they expect to release an RFA or an RFP?
 - f. Can USAID confirm if there will be a concept paper submission and oral presentation before full proposal development and if there will there be a co-creation process?

USAID Response: USAID is currently working on the design and would like to advise the public to continue looking out for updated information relating to this activity. We currently anticipate release of the solicitation o/a February, 2020.

177. **Liberia:** Transforming the Education System for Teachers and Students
- a. Can USAID clarify when to expect the release of a solicitation for the Transforming the Education System for Teachers and Students in Liberia (TEST) Activity?

USAID Response: USAID is also currently working on the design for this activity and would like to advise the public to continue looking out for updated information relating to this activity. We anticipate the solicitation will be released o/a May, 2020.

178. **Libya:** Does USAID/Libya anticipate releasing any solicitations in 2020?

USAID Response: USAID/Libya does not, at this time, anticipate releasing any solicitations in 2020.

179. **Macedonia:** Governance Performance Improvement Activity (GPIA)
- a. Can USAID clarify whether this will be a task order under an IDIQ, such as the PFM II IDIQ?
 - b. Can USAID clarify whether this project is expected to be a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: No, this will be conducted under full and open competition. NOTE: Governance Performance Improvement Activity (GPIA) has been changed to Strengthening Resource Mobilization Activity (SRMA).

180. **Macedonia:** YouThink
- a. Can USAID confirm that this opportunity will be released on or around November 30, 2019?
 - b. Will the YouThink project described for Macedonia be open to international organizations or is it intended for local groups?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date is January 15, 2020. This will be conducted under full and open competition.

181. **Macedonia:** Strengthening Resource Mobilization Activity (SRMA)
- a. Can USAID confirm the anticipated release date?
 - b. Can USAID clarify whether this project is expected to be awarded using a full-and-open procurement?
 - c. Has USAID determined if this opportunity will be a small business set-aside?
 - d. Can USAID please provide the award/action type for this opportunity?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date is January 31, 2020. This will be full and open competition. This opportunity will likely be published as an RFP with a Statement Of Objectives (Acquisition).

182. Malawi: Learn to Perform (L2P)

- a. Given the revisions to the Malawi Learn to Perform (L2P) Activity with the release of a second RFI on October 11, will there be a separate opportunity to be released in the future that incorporates the evaluation components found in the original L2P RFI?
- b. As follow up to the first question, if a separate M&E contract is released for the Malawi L2P evaluation components, when does USAID/Malawi anticipate releasing an RFI or RFP for that opportunity?
- c. Can USAID provide an estimated size or range? Can USAID confirm whether performing this work, as either a prime or subcontractor, will present a conflict of interest for parties wishing to implement other projects from USAID/Malawi?
- d. Please confirm if USAID/Malawi will be moving forward with this activity.
- e. If so, can USAID confirm that the scope of work as noted in the RFI will remain the same.
- f. Please confirm that the L2P activity will be set-aside for small businesses.
- g. Please clarify the solicitation's anticipated release date.
- h. Please clarify if this activity will be released through a task order under the USAID EVAL ME II IDIQ mechanism.
- i. How closely will the final scope resemble the scope (objectives) outlined in the June 26 RFI?
- j. Will this come out as two separate solicitations?
- k. Will it be a contract or Cooperative Agreement?
- l. Will this come out as a SB set aside?
- m. Has USAID completed its review of responses to the RFI?
- n. Does USAID envision changes to the initial objectives included in the RFI?
- o. Is there an anticipated release date, estimated cost, and set-aside determination for the opportunity?

USAID Response: On 26 June, USAID Malawi issued the RFI for the L2P Activity. It closed in July. For a SEPARATE activity called Implementing Partners Assessment, Audit and Technical Assistance, USAID Malawi issued another RFI on 11 October. It closed on 12 November. The two separate requests for information were distinct activities. There was not a revision or a second RFI for the L2P Activity. One does not supersede the other. The RFI for the L2P activity is part of USAID market research. We have not made specific decisions on making an M&E contract/agreement, nor have we made a decision on if/when we will solicit for the Implementing Partners Assessment Audit and Technical Assistance activity. While RFIs can be used to collect market research or signal upcoming opportunity, there is no guarantee of a funding opportunity. With that said, if the Mission decides to proceed forward with a MEL platform contract, it will likely be intended to support a new CDCS that is expected to go into effect in early 2020.

At this time, USAID cannot provide any estimated sizes or ranges. Additionally, we will have to wait until the decision is made to solicit for a funding opportunity /contract/agreement to answer the conflict of interest question; as a description is not finalized. For any activity, conflict of interest risk must be managed. It may not be acceptable for the same implementing partner to be involved in the implementation of work for which that implementing partner is helping to evaluate. It is the responsibility of all parties involved to manage conflict of interest risk, not USAID alone. USAID Malawi cannot confirm that it will be moving forward with the activity at this time. USAID Malawi cannot confirm that the scope of work will remain the same at this time. USAID Malawi cannot confirm that the L2P will be set aside for small businesses at this time.

USAID Malawi cannot clarify the anticipated release date that at this time. USAID Malawi cannot clarify if the activity will be released under a task order under the USAID EVAL ME II IDIQ mechanism at this time. USAID Malawi cannot answer if it will come out as two separate solicitations at this time. As mentioned earlier, USAID Malawi issued two separate requests for information. RFI-612-19-L2P-01 was the Learn to Perform Activity. RFI 612-TA-20-001 was for a separate activity, tentatively called Implementing Partners Assessment, Audit and Technical Assistance Activity. They were separate RFIs for separate activities. At this time, the intent is to evaluate the responses and then make a decision based on research. They are considered to be separate activities.

USAID Malawi cannot clarify if it will be a contract or cooperative agreement at this time. USAID Malawi cannot confirm if it will be an SB set aside at this time. We are evaluating responses to multiple RFIs at this time. USAID Malawi makes RFIs as market research. Responses to the RFI may or may not instigate changes to the initial objectives in L2P. If USAID decides to solicit the L2P activity, then the scope will likely be improved after incorporating feedback and advice received from multiple inputs, including that of the RFI respondents. USAID Malawi cannot answer if there is an anticipated release date, estimated cost, and set-aside determination at this time.

183. Malawi: Local OVC APS

- a. Can USAID Malawi please provide an updated release date for the local OVC APS that was forecasted for release in 4th quarter of FY2019? Will this opportunity be restricted to local organizations as primes?
- b. Does USAID Malawi further plan to issue an additional full and open competition for OVC programming in FY 2020?
- c. Can USAID please confirm whether they anticipate that this will be released as a transition award, locals-only or traditional assistance mechanism?

USAID Response: This opportunity was rolled into the Local APS LLCAP solicitation. Therefore is not a separate OVC APS, the activity was included in the LLCAP APS. Per the answer to 183.a, there is not a separate OVC APS, the activity was included in the LLCAP APS. USAID anticipates that will be open to both local and international organizations - designed as a transition award for international prime applicants. However, there is no guarantee of a funding opportunity at this time.

184. **Malawi:** One Community Project

USAID/Malawi - Does USAID anticipate issuing a follow on solicitation/NOFO to the One Community program? If yes, what is the timeline?

USAID Response: Yes we do anticipate a follow on solicitation to the One Community program. We do not have a finalized timeline, but we anticipate posting information within the upcoming 60 days. We are cognizant of the end of year holidays, and consideration of staffing for potential implementing partners is a factor.

185. **Malawi:** Higher Education Partnerships

- a. Regarding the recently released USAID/Malawi Higher Education Partnerships Activities, is USAID considering releasing either of these opportunities under the Science, Technology, Innovation, Partnerships (STIPS) in Higher Education program APS?
- b. What is the anticipated timeframe for release of a potential solicitation that may result from the RFI?
- c. What is the anticipated award size or size range for this potential opportunity?
- d. Does the Mission anticipate that the competition will be restricted to certain categories of prime applicants, such as U.S. higher education institutions?
- e. Does USAID intend to release an education opportunity in Mali in 2020? If yes, we would appreciate any information available about the solicitation timing and regions to be included.

USAID Response: USAID Malawi does not intend to release the mentioned opportunities through STIPS. USAID Malawi anticipates a potential solicitation being released within February/March of 2020. The size and range depend on the submissions, but more than one award with with up to approximately \$5 million each award. The higher education directive in the appropriation states that a US University partner must be engaged. Yes, USAID/Malawi plans to release up to three higher education opportunities in 2020, and one basic education opportunity to support primary grade reading in Malawi; with a special emphasis on early grade instructional practice and learning outcomes in the early grades.

186. **Malawi:** Early Grade Reading Improvement

Is it USAID's vision to release a follow-on to Malawi Early Grade Reading Improvement (MERIT)?

USAID Response: USAID envisions continuing support for primary grade reading in Malawi, with a special emphasis on early grade instructional practice and learning outcomes in the early grades.

187. **Malawi:** Sustainable Landscape

Does USAID anticipate that the Sustainable Landscape activity will be back on the forecast? If so, when is the anticipated SOL Release date?

USAID Response: Malawi's sustainable landscape activity was awarded on September 27, 2019 - under contract number 72061219C00005, called Modern Cooking for Healthy Forests in Malawi. We anticipate having no other sustainable landscape activity to be solicited in the near future.

188. **Malawi:** CDCS

Would USAID please provide more details about when to expect a new CDCS to be approved for Malawi?

USAID Response: USAID/Malawi expects the new CDCS to be approved before the current CDCS expires in March 2020.

189. **Malawi:** Is USAID expecting to release a new agriculture activity in the near future, around early calendar year of 2020?

USAID Response: An agriculture activity RFI will likely be posted in calendar year 2020. Depending upon funding and responses, we may design a solicitation. While RFIs can be used to collect market research or signal upcoming opportunity, there is no guarantee of an opportunity.

190. **Mali:** Rural Water Infrastructure Governance

- a. Could USAID please provide an Award Description for the Mali Rural Water Infrastructure Governance activity, which includes the technical and/or geographic scope of work?
- b. Does USAID/Mali anticipate releasing an RFI or description of the scope (on the forecast) for the upcoming water/sanitation activity?
- c. Has USAID made a decision about the small business set-aside status for the Rural Water Infrastructure Governance activity?
- d. Could USAID/Mali kindly provide an update on the anticipated release date for this procurement?
- e. Can USAID confirm if the Rural Water Governance Infrastructure Activity procurement will provide infrastructure services for improving access to drinking water for rural populations?
- f. Can USAID please provide some information on the technical scope of the activity?

USAID Response: Program design remains under development. A brief description is now available on the Business Forecast page and is repeated in response to question (f). Please continue to follow the Business Forecast and government procurement websites. The RFI and description of scope of the water/sanitation activity remains under discussion. The set aside status for the Rural Water Infrastructure Governance activity remains under discussion. Any release date is highly speculative. April, 2020 is an optimistic release date. Yes USAID can confirm if the Rural Water Governance Infrastructure Activity procurement will provide infrastructure services for improving access to drinking water for rural populations. The goal of this Activity is to improve the governance of rural water infrastructure by building the capacity of rural Malian communities to construct, maintain,

and sustainably manage safe and reliable water sources in order to increase the availability and use of safe drinking water and water for agriculture.

191. **Mali:** Quality Improvement activity
- a. Can USAID/Mali provide any information, such as anticipated release date of an additional request for information/draft scope of work, anticipated solicitation release date, and award mechanism, regarding the anticipated Mali Quality Improvement activity mentioned in FY19 Quarter 3 Business Forecast Q&A?
 - b. Will it still focus on human resources for health and the quality of health services at all levels?
 - c. What is the expected dollar value?

USAID Response: This activity remains in development pending the co-creation of other Health activities. Additional information is not available at this time. Please continue to follow the Business Forecast.

192. **Mali:** Feed the Future Programming
- a. There is nothing in the forecast for USAID/Mali's Feed the Future program. Does USAID/Mali expect to use RFI or BAA mechanisms to develop and inform follow on funding? Will the mission be updating the forecast with any new pending opportunities?

USAID Response: An RFA has been released with concept papers due December 18, 2019. It is anticipated that the Rural Water Infrastructure Governance RFP will include some Feed the Future-related activities. No other funding opportunities are expected at this time.

193. **Mali:** Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Platform Project
- a. Does USAID intend to release a rebid of the Mali M&E contract?
 - b. Will it be a small business set-aside?
 - c. What is the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: USAID/Mali continues to discuss its needs following the end of the current M&E contract. The Statement of Work is under development and may be different from the one in the current contract. Other information is not yet available. Please continue to follow the Business Forecast page.

194. **Mauritania:** Does USAID anticipate releasing any solicitations related to CVE/community resilience within the next 18 months?

USAID Response: No additional information is available.

195. **Moldova:** ODG: Effective Governance
- a. USAID recently released an RFI for the upcoming Moldova Effective Justice Activity indicating this will be an IDIQ type contract. Does USAID intend to award a single holder IDIQ or multiple holders?

USAID Response: USAID released the RFI to obtain feedback from industry and would greatly appreciate responses to the RFI regarding the proposed mechanism. Responses are due December 6.

196. **Morocco:** Country Development Cooperation Strategy
- a. Does USAID/Morocco have any activities planned for release in 2020? If so, could USAID please confirm the anticipated procurement mechanism (RFP, RFA, etc.) or whether there are anticipated mechanism restrictions, such small business or local set asides, as there have been in recent years?
 - b. Is USAID/Morocco planning to release an updated Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS), given that the current CDCS is dated 2013-2017?

USAID Response: No information is available other than what is listed on the Business Forecast at this time. USAID/Morocco has extended it's 2013 - 2018 CDCS to November 2020. We will be sure to update the cover page accordingly to reflect this extension on our publicly facing CDCS. USAID/Morocco will be developing a new CDCS between February 2020 and December 2020 and will post it publicly as soon as approved.

197. **Morocco:** Inclusive Socio-Economic Development
- a. In early 2019, USAID/Morocco announced the grants to support socio-economic development in the regions of Marrakech-Safi and Beni Mellal-Khenifra. When is the anticipated release date of the Morocco Inclusive Socio-Economic Development in Marrakech-Safi?
 - b. Is USAID/Morocco anticipating its release under the STIP APS (similar to the Beni Mella-Khenifra opportunity)?
 - c. Can USAID/Morocco provide any clarity around eligibility? Will this opportunity only be open to local organizations or will it be open to international organizations as well?

USAID Response: No additional information is available at this time. This anticipated activity is still in the design phase. At this time, USAID/Morocco plans to solicit the ISED Marrakech-Safi grant under the STIP APS as well. As the solicitation is still in design phase, the possibility of restricting eligibility to local organizations is still under discussion. If that is the case, eligibility restrictions will be included on the Business Forecast at that time.

198. **Morocco:** Inclusive Socio-Economic Development
- a. Does USAID have an update on the Inclusive Socio-Economic Development procurement and anticipated next steps date for the BAA process?

USAID Response: The exact timing of next steps has not been determined at this time due to internal processes. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast in terms of updates on this procurement.

199. **Mozambique:** General Programming Inquiries

- a. Education: Does USAID Mozambique anticipate issuing any education solicitations ? If yes, when do you anticipate releasing the solicitation? If so, in line with USAID’s Journey to Self-Reliance strategy, will the solicitation be restricted to local organizations?
- b. Agriculture: In the FY19 Q3 business forecast Q&A, USAID/Mozambique indicated it was continuing to support food security and cyclone response, including agricultural recovery programming. Can USAID please provide details on upcoming agricultural recovery programming?
- c. WASH: Is USAID planning any new WASH activities in Mozambique? Will the mission be updating the forecast with any new pending opportunities?
- d. Local governance, service delivery, civil society: Does USAID/Mozambique intend to procure a local governance, service delivery and civil society activity? If so, can USAID provide details about timing and mechanism choice?
- e. Health: Does USAID/Mozambique anticipate releasing any primary or integrated health activities in FY20? Can USAID please confirm whether eligibility to prime will be restricted to local organizations for any upcoming health projects?

USAID Response: Education: NOFO 72065620RFA00001 Community Engagement in Bilingual Education was issued on November 13, 2019. Applications are due January 13, 2020. Eligibility for this RFA is restricted to Local Organizations. Agriculture: In design phase. Please monitor the Business Forecast for updates. WASH: In design phase. Please monitor the Business Forecast for updates. Local governance, service delivery, civil society: Yes. Currently in design phase. Health: Yes. For some procurements USAID may restrict prime eligibility to local organizations. Please monitor the Business Forecast for updates.

200. **Mozambique:** Democratic Local Governance Strengthening Program
- a. Can USAID/Mozambique provide an anticipated solicitation release date for the Democratic Local Governance Strengthening Program, for which an RFI was released in September?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation release date is February/March 2020.

201. **Mozambique:** OVC
- a. Does USAID intend to issue a full and open technical assistance-focused OVC opportunity? If so, when is the anticipated release? No further OVC opportunity is anticipated.

USAID Response: No additional OVC opportunity is anticipated at this time.

202. **Mozambique:** Support Program for Economic and Enterprise Development
- a. Does USAID envision a follow-on to the Support Program for Economic and Enterprise Development (SPEED)+ program? Could USAID provide information on the anticipated release date, award mechanism, and value?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates issuing a RFTOP under the Public Financial Management (PFM II) IDIQ. Anticipated release date is July 2020.

203. **Mozambique: CHEGAR**
- a. Can USAID kindly provide more information on the Mozambique CHEGAR 4 PLs opportunity? The project description field does not provide much information and the anticipated solicitation release date was 11/14/2019.

USAID Response: The USAID/Mozambique Commodities for Health: Ensuring Guaranteed Access and Reliability (CHEGAR) activity will provide services to improve the availability of medical commodities in all clinics and hospitals, including those in remote and rural areas, to achieve USAID and Mozambique Ministry of Health goals. The anticipated solicitation release date for the CHEGAR 4PLs opportunity is late December 2019/early January 2020.

204. **Namibia: Strengthening Technical Assistance and Response for Sustainable HIV Prevention and Treatment (KP-STAR)**
- a. Is there an updated award date for this Activity?

USAID Response: The information for this opportunity has been updated in the Business Forecast. Please continue to reference the Business Forecast for any future changes.

205. **Nepal: Early Grade Learning**
- a. In September, USAID/Nepal issued a Request For Information that referenced a "forthcoming USAID/Nepal activity: USAID/Nepal Early Grade Learning (EGL) Project," for which "USAID/Nepal intends to award a cost-reimbursement, cost-plus-fixed-fee (CPFF) completion type contract per FAR 16.306(d)(1) for a period of five years." However, this activity is not included in the forecast. Can USAID please provide clarification on its anticipated release date and estimated value?
 - b. What is the scope and funding mechanism?

USAID Response: The activity now appears in the Business Forecast Report. Please see business forecast for anticipated release date, estimated value, and other information.

206. **Nepal: Monitoring and Evaluation and Learning Contract**
- a. Can USAID please confirm whether there will be an anticipated follow-on for the Nepal Monitoring and Evaluation and Learning Contract? If so, could USAID please provide an anticipated release date?

USAID Response: The activity is in the Business Forecast Report. Please see business forecast for detail information.

- b. Can USAID confirm whether performing this work, as either a prime or subcontractor, will present a conflict of interest for parties wishing to implement other projects from USAID/Nepal?

USAID Response: No, this doesn't present the Conflict of interest.

- c. USAID still expect to release the opportunity under a full and open mechanism?

USAID Response: The activity is in the Business Forecast Report. Please see business forecast for detail information.

- d. Will it be a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: The activity is in the Business Forecast Report. Please see business forecast for detail information.

207. **Nepal:** Family Planning and Health

- a. Is USAID still planning to issue a procurement for a FP/RH project in Nepal? If so, is there an anticipated release date for the solicitation?
- b. Will it be a cooperative agreement or a contract?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID is planning to issue a procurement for a FP/RH activity. The activity is in design phase. Please continue to follow the Business Forecast and government procurement websites.

208. **Nepal:** Urja Energy Program

- a. Can USAID provide a release date for the Urja Nepal Energy program? Can USAID provide an estimated size or range for the Urja Nepal Energy program?
Nepal: Does USAID anticipate that it will be a TO under the Energy IDIQ II?

USAID Response: The Anticipated Release Date: April 2020. The estimated size: \$15-20 Million. Task Order under the Energy IDIQ: Yes

209. **Nepal:** Agricultural/food security, WASH, or natural resource management activities

- a. Does USAID/Nepal anticipate any new or follow-on agriculture/food security, WASH, or natural resource management activities in FY20?

USAID Response: USAID/Nepal intends to initiate a design of one or more new activities (TBD) in FY 2020 focused on improving agricultural productivity and strengthening the agriculture market system; improving the enabling environment for growth and investment and enhancing the competitiveness of Nepal's exports; and reducing threats to Nepal's biodiversity and strengthening natural resources governance.

210. **Nepal:** Karnali Water Security Activity (KAWAS)

- a. Could USAID/Nepal please provide an update to bidders regarding the anticipated timing and process for Phase 2 of this procurement?

USAID Response: USAID advises offerors to check the FBO website periodically for any updates regarding including anticipated timing and process for the Phase 2 of this activity.

211. **Nepal:** Food for Peace Multi-Year International Emergency Food Assistance APS

- a. Could USAID provide an updated date for publication of the final Food for Peace Multi-Year International Emergency Food Assistance APS and Amendment 01 for Nepal?

USAID Response: The multi-year international emergency food assistance APS in handled by USAID's Food for Peace Office in Washington, D.C., not USAID/Nepal. Please redirect your inquiry accordingly.

212. **Nepal:** Public Financial Management Activity

- a. Is USAID planning a follow-on to the Nepal Public Financial Management Activity?

USAID Response: USAID is currently conducting a landscape analysis of the broader international community's ongoing PFM efforts in Nepal to inform if and how USAID may continue to work in this sector.

213. **Nepal:** DFSA

- a. Does USAID anticipate that the DFSA activity will be back on the forecast? If so, when is the anticipated SOL release date?

USAID Response: Solicitations for DFSAs are managed by USAID's Food for Peace Office in Washington, D.C., not USAID/Nepal. Please redirect your inquiry accordingly.

214. **Nicaragua:** Does USAID plan to fund a follow-on program to the USAID-funded Municipal Governance Program? If so, can you please provide any available information on timing, amount, award type, etc.?

USAID Response: The Mission is currently finalizing its strategy and has not reached a final decision yet. Given the changes taking place in Nicaragua, any related activity will not be considered a follow-on.

215. **Niger:** Does USAID intend to release an education opportunity in Niger in 2020? If yes, we would appreciate any information available about the solicitation timing, funding mechanism, and regions to be included. If yes, will the SOW fall under the RISE II strategy?

USAID Response: Please continue to refer to the business forecast for updates regarding possible education opportunities for USAID/Niger.

216. **Niger:** Resilient Governance in Niger (RGN)

- a. This procurement has experienced many delays. Would USAID please confirm that it intends to release the RFA for this opportunity on 11/20/2019 as recently updated on the forecast.

USAID Response: RGN solicitation was posted on November 21, 2019. Click this link to access solicitation: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=322673>

217. **Nigeria:** Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Activity
 - a. Does USAID intend to release a rebid of the Nigeria MEL contract?
 - b. If so, when is that procurement intended to be released and what is the estimated cost?
 - c. Will it be a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: USAID Nigeria is in the planning phase for the new Nigeria MEL procurement. Currently there is no established release date or estimated cost. Additional information is required to determine to set-aside for small business or to have full and open competition.

218. **Nigeria:** ICHSSA
 - a. Can USAID give an estimated time of award for the 4 ISCHSSA awards?

USAID Response: The anticipated award date is by December 31, 2019.

219. **Nigeria:** State 2 State
 - a. Does USAID have an update on the S2S procurement and a revised anticipated award date?

USAID Response: The anticipated award date is April 3, 2020

220. **Nigeria:** Northern Education Initiative Plus
 - a. Can USAID please indicate if it has plans to issue a Northern Education Initiative Plus (NEI+) re-bid in FY20, and if so, indicate the anticipated release date and award mechanism?

USAID Response: USAID Nigeria is in the planning phase for the new NEI+ activity in support of the Mission's Education Portfolio. Currently there is no established release date or mechanism. However, we do anticipate releasing a RFI by January 2020.

221. **Pakistan:** Advancing Citizen Centered Governance
 - a. The activity notes that the project will work primarily in "priority geographies." Is USAID able to expand upon what those geographies are?

USAID Response: No additional information is available on the locations where this award will concentrate its efforts.

222. **Pakistan:** KP PFM
- a. Is there an updated release date for KP PFM and does USAID intend on using the PFM II IDIQ?

USAID Response: No additional information is available on this activity.

223. **Pakistan:** FATA Health Award
- a. Why was the FATA health award project removed from the forecast? Is this procurement still going forward?

USAID Response: This award has been canceled due to reduced budgets and shifting priorities.

224. **Pakistan:** FATA Land Registration Support Activity
- a. Has USAID made a decision about the contracting mechanism (full and open contract, task order contract under the STARR II IDIQ, cooperative agreement, or other) for the Pakistan FATA Land Registration Support Activity?

USAID Response: USAID/Pakistan is evaluating the needs of this activity, and this determination has not yet been made. This activity is currently in design stage.

225. **Pakistan:** Youth Development Project (PYDP)
- a. Would USAID please confirm if this activity is replaced by the Youth Job Placement APS in the FY19 Q2 Business Forecast?

USAID Response: The Youth Job Placement APS is a different activity.

226. **Pakistan:** Pakistan 3PSM IDIQ
- a. Can USAID please provide an update on the solicitation release date?

USAID Response: This activity is currently under design. There is no firm solicitation release date yet available.

227. **Pakistan:** Can USAID Pakistan confirm if they are planning to design and solicit an energy program in FY2020?

USAID Response: There is no additional information available regarding this program. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for updates on future energy opportunities.

228. **Pakistan:** Can USAID Pakistan confirm if they are planning to design and solicit a regional economic integration program in FY2020?

USAID Response: The Mission continues to review and prioritize new procurement activities. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for updates on future economic opportunities.

229. **Pakistan:** Does the current forecast accurately reflect the impact of reduced funding for USAID activities in Pakistan?

USAID Response: The Mission is engaged in a dynamic reevaluation of the current portfolio of work, and any proposed new activity. At this time, yes, the forecast reflects the reduced funding levels but further changes may occur.

230. **Pakistan:** PERFORM
- a. Does USAID intend to release a rebid of the Pakistan PERFORM M&E contract?
 - b. What is the anticipated release date?
 - c. Will it be a small business set-aside?
 - d. Does USAID intend to have portions of the follow-on for local firms only?

USAID Response: The Mission is currently reviewing the needs for this M&E coverage. At this time, no firm decision regarding the type of award, anticipated release date or set-aside needs of any kind has been made.

231. **Papua New Guinea :** PNG Electrification Activity
- a. Does USAID anticipate to release the PNG Electrification Activity as part of the current or upcoming Asia EDGE initiatives or the Energy II IDIQ?

USAID Response: NO. USAID released a full and open RFP last November 21,2019. Please check beta.sam.gov for the PEP activity under RFP No. 72049219R00006.

232. **Peru:** Cooperative Development Program APS
- a. USAID released an RFI for a regional program to address the Venezuela regional migration crisis across the Andean countries in January 2019. Could USAID please confirm whether USAID will publish new solicitations covering other areas of the RFI – to complement the Cooperative Development Program APS published in September 2019 for socio-economic integration of Venezuelan Migrants and Refugees in Peru and Ecuador?
 - b. Does USAID plan to release a solicitation to help address the Venezuela regional migration crisis in Brazil? If so, could USAID please confirm the award type, the range, and anticipated release date?

USAID Response: At this time, we do not anticipate publishing new solicitations covering other areas of the RFI-to complement the Cooperative Development Program APS published in September 2019 for socio-economic integration of Venezuelan Migrants and Refugees in Peru and Ecuador. If anything changes, we will update the Business Forecast. At this time, USAID/Peru does not envision any future solicitations specific to the Venezuela regional immigration crisis.

233. **Philippines: Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance**
- a. There have not been any further updates to the USAID/Philippines “Annual Program Statement (APS) on Democracy, Human Rights and Governance” since the release of Addendum Two. Could USAID please provide an update on the timeline for the release of Addendum two and three?
 - b. Has USAID made a decision about the contracting mechanism (full and open contract or cooperative agreement) for the Natural Resource Management and Security activity?
 - c. Is USAID planning follow on activities for the ENGAGE activity, the SURGE activity or other governance activities in Philippines? Will the mission be updating the forecast with any new pending opportunities?
 - d. Does USAID’s Office of Economic Development and Governance plan to issue a solicitation to support CVE in conflict-affected areas in FY 2020?

USAID Response: At this time, USAID/Philippines do not have any addendum for posting . Addendum 2 was awarded last July 2019 under award no. 72049219CA00007. The projected mechanism for the Natural Resource Management and Security is assistance. The Mission does not envision any follow-ons to ENGAGE or SURGE for FY2020. The business forecast will be updated once other governance activities are firmed up. The Mission does not envision any follow-ons to ENGAGE or SURGE for FY2020. The Mission is planning for other governance activities and should update the business forecast when the plans are firmed up.

234. **Philippines: Natural Resource Management and Security**
- a. Can USAID provide clarity in the solicitation release date of 11/29/2019 since the RFI response due date is 11/25/2019?
 - b. Could USAID/Philippines please clarify the anticipated award mechanism for the Natural Resource Management and Security activity, including whether there will be one procurement or multiple procurements?

USAID Response: The solicitation release date of 11/29/2019 was posted in error, the activity is currently in design. The business forecast will be updated to reflect new solicitation release date once firmed up. The projected mechanism for the Natural Resource Management and Security is assistance. The mission has yet to determine if this will be one or multiple procurements. Any updates will be reflected in the business forecast when available.

235. **Philippines: Quality Education and Skills Training**
- a. Philippine Qualifications Framework (QUEST-PQF) - Can USAID confirm whether this procurement is expected to follow a co-creation process?
 - b. Could USAID please confirm the anticipated award mechanism for Quality Education and Skills Training – Philippines Qualifications Framework (QUEST-PQF)?

USAID Response: Co-creation may be a part of the procurement process. A final decision has not been made yet. Any RFA or RFP released will specifically identify if co-creation will be part of the procurement process. The award mechanism has not been

determined yet. The Mission is in the process of consultations and market research to finalize the design. Through this process, significant changes have already developed, for example removing specific reference to the Philippines Qualifications Framework. Once the consultations are completed, the Mission will finalize the design and decide on the award mechanism. Before any RFP or RFA is released, the Mission will also post a summary of our market research for information and additional comment, if any.

236. **Philippines:** Energy Secure Philippines

- a. Does USAID anticipate to release the Energy Secure Philippines as part of the current or upcoming Asia EDGE initiatives or the Energy II IDIQ?
- b. Can USAID please confirm the anticipated solicitation release date for this opportunity?
- c. Would USAID confirm that the upcoming Energy Secure Philippines program will be a task order under the newly awarded Energy II IDIQ?

USAID Response: The Energy Secure Philippines project is still in its activity design phase, hence the Mission has not yet determined if this will be under the newly awarded Energy II IDIQ or part of the upcoming Asia EDGE initiatives. Any updates on solicitation release date will be reflected in the business forecast when available.

237. **RDMA:** Monitoring and Evaluation Services

- a. Can USAID please provide an update whether a follow-on will be released for the RDMA Monitoring and Evaluation Services? If so, when is the anticipated released date?

USAID Response: USAID is planning for the procurement of a new RDMA MEL services contract this fiscal year, but has not concluded the design phase yet. The solicitation will be released upon the completion of design planning and internal clearances. USAID/RDMA will update the Business Forecast with an anticipated release date when more information is available.

238. **RDMA:** Laos Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship

- a. In November 2018 USAID/RDMA released a RFI for a Laos Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship activity. This opportunity has not been listed on the forecast for several quarters. Does USAID/RDMA anticipate that a solicitation for full and open competition will be released for Laos Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship in FY20 or has this solicitation been cancelled?

USAID Response: USAID/RDMA does not anticipate that a solicitation will be released this year. An entrepreneurship activity is still being considered and designed for Laos, but RDMA does not anticipate soliciting or awarding any such award during this FY.

239. **RDMA:** Asia Enhancing Development Growth through Energy (EDGE) IDIQ

- a. Can USAID please provide an update on the status and anticipated release date for the Regional Development Mission for Asia (RDMA) Asia Enhancing Development Growth through Energy (EDGE) IDIQ?
- b. Can USAID provide an update on the contract mechanism for this opportunity?
- c. Will this opportunity be added to the live forecast soon?
- d. Can USAID please confirm if South Asia EDGE will be released as a task order under the Energy II IDIQ or as a free and open?
- e. Will all Missions use the Asia EDGE IDIQ mechanism to award future projects in Southeast Asia?
- f. For opportunities where the award mechanism is either TBD or a Task Order under an IDIQ mechanism, does USAID intend to issue these RFI's on SAM?

USAID Response: After researching regional needs, USAID/RDMA is no longer planning to release an IDIQ for Asia EDGE. RDMA currently has a SOAR pending approval to issue an EDGE task order under the Energy II IDIQ. The Forecast will be updated when more information is available. USAID/RDMA does not anticipate issuing an RFI, since we received sufficient response to the EDGE RFI issued last FY. However, depending on timelines and urgency, RDMA may issue a draft SOW or solicitation for comment.

240. **RDMA:** Does USAID plan to release a coastal marine project in FY20?

USAID Response: RDMA is currently designing a new marine activity. The Business Forecast will be updated when RDMA has more clear information to share on the funding amount, mechanism and anticipated release date.

241. **RDMA:** Can USAID RDMA confirm if they are planning to design and solicit a new regional education program in FY2020?

USAID Response: There is currently no plan to design a new regional education program at RDMA.

242. **RDMA:** Regional Marine Biodiversity Conservation Activity

- a. USAID released an RFI for this opportunity on 9/24/19, however it has not yet been posted to the forecast. Could USAID please provide an update on the contracting mechanism, dollar value, and anticipated release date for this opportunity?

USAID Response: RDMA is currently designing a new marine activity. The Business Forecast will be updated when RDMA has more clear information to share on the funding amount, mechanism and anticipated release date.

243. **Rwanda:** Does USAID/Rwanda anticipate any new or follow-on agriculture or WASH activities in FY20?

USAID Response: USAID/Rwanda is in the process of designing a new Feed the Future Investment and Export Promotion Activity which aims to attract investment in export-oriented agricultural value chains and reduce barriers to growth of export-oriented agribusinesses. An RFI will be posted on beta.SAM.gov to request comments and input to better inform the design of the forthcoming new USAID Activity.

244. **Rwanda: OVC**
- a. What is the anticipated release date of this opportunity confirmed in the FY19 Q3 Business Forecast Q&A?
 - b. Can USAID confirm whether this will be a full and open opportunity, or restricted to local primes?
 - c. Does USAID plan to schedule consultant visits to evaluate their current education portfolio in FY20 Q1?

USAID Response: The Business Forecast will be updated once the Mission decides to publish competitive solicitations for PEPFAR programming in Rwanda. USAID/Rwanda cannot confirm at this time whether this will be a full and open competition or restricted to local entities. At this time, the Mission does not anticipate such a procurement.

245. **Senegal:** Does USAID/Senegal anticipate a WASH activity in the future?

USAID Response: Yes, we will in the years to come.

246. **Senegal:** Which of the 4 pending opportunities forecast from the Senegal mission in November and December are USAID's priority to release?

USAID Response: Please see the business forecast for updates on solicitation release dates.

247. **Senegal:** Does USAID anticipate procuring a follow-on to the Senegal Mission Wide Monitoring and Evaluation Project? If yes, is there an anticipated release date, estimated cost, and set-aside determination for the opportunity?

USAID Response: Yes. Release date is anticipated around 3rd quarter of 2020. There is no information at this time on estimated cost and set-aside determination.

248. **Senegal: Entrepreneurship Promotion and Business Investment Program**
- a. Could you please advise on the solicitation release date for the Senegal Entrepreneurship Promotion and Business Investment Program?
 - b. Can USAID specify if they anticipate releasing the Senegal Entrepreneurship and Business Investment Program solicitation as a small business set-aside?
 - c. Can USAID clarify what are the geographic areas of intervention for the forthcoming Senegal Entrepreneurship and Business Investment Program?

- d. Does USAID intend to release the Senegal Entrepreneurship Promotion and Business Investment Program (SEPBIIP) for full and open competition in 2020 in light of the White House WGDP Initiative?

USAID Response: Solicitation shall be released no later than the week of December 9, 2019. No, USAID cannot specify if the Senegal Entrepreneurship and Business Investment Program solicitation will be released as a small business set-aside. Information will be provided when the solicitation is released. This will be a full and open competition but not in light of the WGDP.

249. **Senegal:** Health Systems Strengthening Plus Program

- a. Is USAID planning to issue a solicitation for the follow-on to the Senegal HSS Program that is ending? If so, can USAID provide more information about the potential scope and release date of Senegal Health Systems Strengthening Plus Program?

USAID Response: We are currently designing our pad and expect to complete it in January. the PAD will lay out the configuration of mechanisms and their scope at a high level.

250. **Senegal:** Does USAID intend to release Resilient Governance in Niger (RGN) and Burkina Faso Governance Activity (BFGA) under the same contractual mechanism?

USAID Response: Yes. Resilient Governance in Niger (RGN) solicitation was released already on November 21, 2019. Click <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=322673> to access.

251. **Senegal:** Feed the Future Value Chain Services activity

- a. This procurement has experienced a large number of delays. Can USAID confirm that it intends to release the RFP for this opportunity on 11/20/19 as currently scheduled?
- b. Can USAID confirm that this procurement is not a small business set-aside?
- c. Can USAID confirm what crops and/or agricultural sectors will be included as part of the anticipated Feed the Future Senegal Value Chain Services solicitation given that the crops mentioned on the forecast have changed several times?
- d. Can USAID confirm the anticipated geographic areas of intervention for the Feed the Future Senegal Value Chain Services solicitation?

USAID Response: The solicitation shall be released in the week of December 2, 2019. This is not a small business set-aside. Information will be available in the solicitation when it is released. Information will be provided when the solicitation is released.

252. **Senegal:** Bridge: Youth Jobs and Skills for Niger and Burkina Faso

- a. As the forecast has updated the Bridge opportunity to expand focus to Burkina Faso as well as Niger, will USAID/Senegal be planning to release an additional

- RFI, or pre-solicitation, prior to the anticipated solicitation release? If not, can USAID/Senegal confirm that the four objectives listed in the May 2019 RFI for Niger will be the same objectives for programming in Burkina Faso?
- b. Can USAID clarify if the activity must be implemented in both Niger and Burkina-Faso or if the activity can be implemented in either one?
 - c. USAID states that the activity will potentially work in Maradi, Zinder and Diffa. Does USAID envision the program rolling out to these regions at a similar time and with the same volume of support as will be provided for Tillaberi? Does USAID envision a similar volume of support for both Niger and Burkina Faso?
 - d. Can offerors anticipate that the design and objectives in both Burkina Faso and Niger will align with those in the Niger Youth Connect RFI?
 - e. Does USAID intend to implement this activity through one award that covers both countries, or 2 awards (one for each country) under the same RFA, similar to what was done for the recent RISE II health opportunity?
 - f. Please confirm if USAID still intends to release this opportunity on 12/16/19, or if the addition of Burkina Faso will result in a delay?

USAID Response: The Mission does not plan to release a new RFI. The objectives will not be exactly the same, but very similar. The Mission intends for the activity to be implemented in both countries. Programming in various regions may begin at differing times with differing levels of intensity, although Tillaberi will still be a primary focus. There will be a refinement period of 6-months in the startup phase of the activity during which the implementer in conjunction with USAID and other partners will determine timelines and regions/communes of focus. Yes, the objectives in both countries will be the same, which are similar to the ones laid out in the RFI. This activity will be administered under one award. The Mission intends to release this opportunity on or around 12/16/19, but delays are possible. Extra time will be given to applicants in light of the holiday period.

253. **Senegal:** Integrated Health Delivery
- a. Does USAID still anticipate making a determination and award by January 13, 2020?

USAID Response: The solicitation for this activity closed on October 11, 2019. USAID is currently evaluating applications. We don't anticipate making award by January 13, 2020.

254. **Serbia:** Fund for Media Innovation Activity
- a. Has USAID determined the procurement mechanism:

USAID Response: Not yet. It is currently in the RFI stage. We are soliciting feedback from the industry and still no determination on the instrument selection.

255. **Serbia:** Does USAID anticipate releasing any solicitations other than the Fund for Media Innovation in FY2020?

USAID Response: No new designs currently in progress. Anticipated new activities in ROL, Media and competitive economy should be solicit during FY2020.

256. **Sierra Leone:** Does USAID anticipate issuing any global health focused solicitations for Sierra Leone in FY20?

USAID Response: At this point in time, Sierra Leone has no plans to release a global health solicitation this fiscal year

257. **Sierra Leone:** Strengthening Sustainability of Global Health Security Objectives

- a. Can USAID clarify the eligibly criteria for the Strengthening Sustainability of Global Health Security Objectives in Sierra Leone call?
- b. Does the applicant need to be a partner/selected provider under CDC's framework to be able to submit a proposal for this call?
- c. Can the applicant handle the technical aspects of the focal areas?

USAID Response: This question seems to be a CDC solicitation and not USAID.

258. **Somalia:** Monitoring, Verification and Reporting IDIQ

- a. USAID released an RFI for Somalia Monitoring, Verification and Reporting IDIQ. Does USAID intend to procure this service? If so, when is that procurement intended to be released?

USAID Response: The design for this follow on is anticipated to be finalized shortly.

259. **Somalia:** Growth, Enterprise, Employment and Livelihoods (GEEL)

- a. Does USAID plan to issue a follow on to its current Somalia Growth Enterprise, Employment, and Livelihoods II (GEEL II) project? If so, can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated mechanism and release date?
- b. Can USAID provide further information on technical scope, timing, value, or mechanism?

USAID Response: The design for the follow on to this award is in progress and more information will be provided when it is available.

260. **Somalia:** TIS+

- a. Does USAID intend to issue a follow on to the Somalia TIS+ activity?

USAID Response: Yes. This is currently in design.

261. **South Africa:** Could USAID please confirm the anticipated release date of the social cohesion opportunity connected with the RFI response due early November?

USAID Response: USAID cannot confirm an anticipated release date for a potential opportunity in connection with the social cohesion RFI released earlier this year. Please continue to reference the Business Forecast for upcoming opportunities.

262. **Power Africa:** Unlocking Southern Africa Solar
- a. Can USAID please provide an estimated release date for the Power Africa Unlocking Southern Africa Solar project?

USAID Response: Estimated release date for the RFTOP is January 2020. (This RFTOP will be open to Power Africa IDIQ holders).

263. **South Africa:** Could USAID/South Africa provide an indication of whether any opportunities are expected to be released in the next 12-24 months that allow non-local organizations to apply? If any are anticipated, could USAID please share what sectors these opportunities are expected to be in?

USAID Response: USAID encourages interested parties to regularly monitor the Business Forecast for information about anticipated opportunities to partner with USAID.

264. **South Sudan:** South Sudan Advancing HIV & AIDS Epidemic Control (AHEC) project:
- a. Could USAID kindly advise what is the anticipated release date for the South Sudan Advancing HIV & AIDS Epidemic Control (AHEC) project?
 - b. Could USAID kindly advise what kind of contracting mechanism will be used for the South Sudan Advancing HIV & AIDS Epidemic Control (AHEC) project?
 - c. Can USAID kindly give an indication of the funding range for the South Sudan Advancing HIV & AIDS Epidemic Control (AHEC) project?

USAID Response: The RFP for the South Sudan Advancing HIV & AIDS Epidemic Control project will be released in January or February 2020. We are considering using a CPIF contract. The funding range will be between \$10 and \$25 million.

265. **South Sudan:** Supporting Learning Outcomes in South Sudan
- a. Can USAID confirm the timeline for the release of an RFA for the anticipated education award mentioned in quarter 3 Q&A, and in the RFI entitled "Supporting Learning Outcomes in South Sudan" (RFI: 668-RFI-19-SLO)?
 - b. Can USAID advise on the mechanism planned?
 - c. Can USAID provide any updated information about the timing, scope, award amount, and geographic priorities of this activity?

USAID Response: No USAID cannot confirm the timeline for the release of an RFA for the anticipated education award mentioned in quarter 3 Q&A, and in the RFI entitled "Supporting Learning Outcomes in South Sudan" (RFI: 668-RFI-19-SLO)? There have been design changes made and the solicitation is now likely to be released in Q2. Acquisition mechanism will be used. No, USAID cannot provide any updated

information about the timing, scope, award amount, and geographic priorities of this activity.

266. **South Sudan:** Does USAID anticipate any RFIs and/or solicitations to be released in FY20 for programming in South Sudan?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID anticipates RFIs and/or solicitations will be released in FY20 for programming in South Sudan.

267. **South Sudan:** South Sudan Monitoring and Evaluation Support Project
a. Does USAID have an anticipated release date for the South Sudan Monitoring and Evaluation Support Project follow-on solicitation

USAID Response: No USAID does not have an anticipated release date for the South Sudan Monitoring and Evaluation Support Project follow-on solicitation.

268. **South Sudan:** Can USAID confirm that they are planning to release a new multi-year RFA/RFP for Resilience programming in South Sudan?

USAID Response: We are unable to confirm as we're still in design discussions.

269. **South Sudan:** Advancing HIV & AIDS Epidemic Control
a. Please clarify any forthcoming opportunities for South Sudan. An opportunity was posted on FBO (now SAM) called "Advancing HIV & AIDS Epidemic Control," but this opportunity is not included in the USAID forecast. Will there will be two forthcoming opportunities for South Sudan, or is the only anticipated opportunity for South Sudan AHEC?

USAID Response: There may be a second opportunity, but it is still in the design stage.

270. **South Sudan:** Can USAID confirm the timeline for the release of an RFI and/or RFA/RFP for an anticipated health award mentioned in quarter 1 and quarter 2 Q&A? This is not on the forecast so can USAID provide details around technical scope and budget?

USAID Response: We are unable to provide confirmed details at this time.

271. **South Sudan:** Promoting Civic Engagement and Peace (PCEP)
a. Has USAID made an award in connection with the South Sudan PCEP solicitation?

USAID Response: No USAID has not made an award in connection with the South Sudan PCEP solicitation.

272. **Sri Lanka and Maldives:** Does USAID intend to issue a solicitation for governance activities in the Maldives? If so, may USAID confirm the timing of an anticipated solicitation?

USAID Response: No. The USAID/Maldives Good Governance activity will be procured through the Global Elections and Political Processes (GEPT) LWA.

273. **Syria:** Building Resilient and Inclusive Communities in Conflict (BRICC)

- a. Can USAID please confirm that the anticipated award date for this opportunity is January 15, 2020?

USAID Response: The anticipated award date for BRICC is o/a January 15, 2020.

274. **Sudan:** In light of the recent political transition in the country, does USAID expect to add any new procurements for work in Sudan to the Business Forecast in FY 2020 Q1 or Q2?

USAID Response: Yes, with an anticipated timeframe of Q2/Q3. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast.

275. **Sudan:** Sudan Toward Enduring Peace in Sudan (TEPS)

Does USAID plan to issue a follow on to its current Sudan Toward Enduring Peace in Sudan (TEPS) project? If so, can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated mechanism and release date?

USAID Response: Yes, with an anticipated timeframe of Q2/Q3.

276. **Tajikistan:** Does USAID Tajikistan anticipate issuing any procurements in the first quarter of the 2020 calendar year? If so, which one's?

USAID Response: USAID/Central Asia does anticipate issuing awards to be performed in Tajikistan in 2020. Please monitor the Business Forecast for updates. Please note that activities to be performed in Tajikistan will be listed under Central Asia (the same with Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and Turkmenistan).

277. **Tajikistan:** Feed the Future Sustainable Agriculture and Land Tenure Activity

- a. Could USAID provide STARR II IDIQ holders with more information about the anticipated RFTOP release date?

USAID Response: USAID/Central Asia has nothing more to share at this time. Please monitor the Business Forecast for updates.

278. **Tajikistan:** In the FY19 Quarter 3 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID/Tajikistan stated, "a new activity related to maternal and child health and nutrition in Tajikistan is currently under design for award by September 2020, but decisions regarding budget

and choice of instrument are not final at this time.” Can USAID provide any additional information regarding its plan for this award such as anticipated timing of a request for information and/or solicitation, project scope, or award mechanism?

USAID Response: USAID/Central Asia has nothing more to share at this time. Please monitor the [Business Forecast](#) for updates.

279. **Tajikistan:** USAID recently released a Request for Information to STARR II IDIQ holders for the Strengthening Agriculture and Land Tenure Program, but no such program appears on the Business Forecast. Could USAID please provide anticipated timing for this procurement?

USAID Response: USAID/Central Asia has nothing more to share at this time. Please monitor the [Business Forecast](#) for updates.

280. **Tanzania:** Given the Government of Tanzania’s current stance towards private sector actors, does USAID have any suggested guidance with regard to the extent to which local government stakeholders and private sector actors should be consulted during the proposal design process?

USAID Response: USAID’s [Private Sector Engagement Policy](#) provides guidance on engaging the private sector. This policy serves as a call to action not only for USAID, but also for USAID partners, and development and private sector actors to apply the principles of the policy to development and humanitarian programs -- both in collaboration, and independent from, their work with USAID. Organizations should not limit engagement with the private sector or local government stakeholders in Tanzania.

281. **Tanzania:** Does USAID anticipate developing a Tanzania Global Food Security Strategy to inform upcoming Feed the Future investments and procurements in that country?

USAID Response: At this time, a Tanzania Global Food Security Strategy is not in process.

282. **Tanzania:** Financial Management Services
a. We note that the Tanzania Financial Management Services (FMS) activity is not listed on the business forecast. Is USAID still planning on procuring this activity and, if so, could it provide an estimated release date and value?

USAID Response: At this time, we are not sure if financial management services will be procured. USAID/Tanzania is determining its needs at this time.

283. **Tanzania:** Natural Resources Management Activity
a. USAID released an RFI for the USAID NRM Activity in Tanzania on 10/29/19, however this opportunity is not yet on the forecast. Could USAID please

provide an update on the contracting mechanism, dollar value, and anticipated release date for this opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID/Tanzania published the activity on the business forecast. It will be a contract and the anticipated release date is February 6, 2020.

284. **Tanzania:** Support of Orphans and Vulnerable Children, Adolescent and Young people
- a. USAID previously forecasted in Q2 for the Support of Orphans and Vulnerable Children, Adolescent and Young people activity, however it no longer appears on the forecast. Does USAID plan to move forward with this opportunity?
 - b. Can USAID specify the expected release, mechanism, and award amount?
 - c. Can USAID please confirm if this will have unrestricted eligibility?

USAID Response: USAID/Tanzania has not received activity approval and is in the very early conceptual stage. USAID/Tanzania expects this to be multiple cooperative agreements. The eligibility will be restricted to organizations that meet PEPFAR's definition of local organization.

285. **Tanzania:** Kizazi Kipya
- a. Can USAID please confirm the timing of the Kizazi Kipya re-bid, and the anticipated eligibility for this opportunity?

USAID Response: The opportunity described in #283 Support of Orphans and Vulnerable Children, Adolescent and Young people is the follow-on for Kizazi Kipya.

286. **Tanzania:** Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Police & Prisons Activity
- a. Does USAID intend to release a draft SOW or pre-solicitation for the Tanzania Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Police & Prisons Activity prior to solicitation release?
 - b. Can USAID provide an updated solicitation release date for the Tanzania Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Police & Prisons Activity?

USAID Response: USAID intends to release a draft activity description for the activity that is restricted to local organizations which meet the PEPFAR definition of local. The solicitation release date is in the newly added business forecast listing as 12/20/2019.

287. **Tanzania:** Community Social Welfare Systems Strengthening
- a. Could USAID confirm the procurement mechanism and anticipated solicitation release date of the anticipated Community Social Welfare System Strengthening Program?
 - b. Can USAID confirm the intended Total Estimated Cost/Amount Range, anticipated Solicitation Release Date, geographic scope of the solicitation, and if the solicitation will be a contract or cooperative agreement?

USAID Response: a. The procurement mechanism for the Community Social Welfare System Strengthening Program will be a contract and the solicitation release date will be March 6, 2020. The solicitation will be for a contract. Details were published on the new business forecast listing.

288. **Tanzania:** Boresha Afya

- a. Does USAID intend to issue a follow-on(s) to the Boresha Afya projects? If so, could USAID please provide information on the anticipated timing and award amount?

USAID Response: Yes there will be a follow-on to the Boresha Afya project, but at this time USAID/Tanzania is at the pre-concept phase and has no information to share.

289. **Tanzania:** Waache Wasome

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on award to Waache Wasome? If yes, what is the anticipated solicitation release date?

USAID Response: At this point, there is no plan for follow-ons to Waache Wasome.

290. **Tanzania:** Tusome Pamoja

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on award to Tusome Pamoja? If yes, what is the anticipated solicitation release date and procurement mechanism?

USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate a follow-on award for Tusome Pamoja.

291. **Tanzania:** Does USAID/Tanzania anticipate any new or follow-on agriculture/Feed the Future or WASH activities in FY20?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates new activities in the agriculture/Feed the Future and WASH portfolios. Please continue to check the business forecast for updates.

292. **Tanzania:** Does USAID anticipate a standalone MNCH program for any geographic regions of Tanzania, particularly those with high mortality rates?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates awarding a RMCNAH program within two years.

293. **Tanzania:** Biodiversity Conservation Activity

- a. Can USAID confirm the Action Type?
b. Can USAID confirm the intended Total Estimated Cost/Amount Range?
c. Can USAID please confirm the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date?
d. Can USAID please confirm the Anticipated Award Date?

USAID Response: Please see the updated business forecast listing.

294. **Tanzania:** Horticulture Activity
- a. Would USAID please confirm that the release date remains 4/1/2020?
 - b. Would USAID please provide more details about the anticipated scope of work, and/or confirm the target value chains?
 - c. Does USAID anticipate this procurement being a contract or cooperative agreement?
 - d. Could USAID provide additional detail on the scope of work of the “TBD Horticulture” activity, including if nutrition will be a component?
 - e. Does USAID intend on releasing an RFI or Draft SOO for this opportunity?
 - f. Would USAID please note if this is a follow-on activity?

USAID Response: Yes, the release date is 4/1/2020. USAID is still in the early stages of this activity design and cannot share more information at this time. This procurement will be a contract. At this time, USAID cannot provide additional detail as to the scope of the Horticulture activity. Yes an RFI on SOO will be released. This is a follow-on activity to the Mboga na Matunda contract. The incumbent’s name was added to the business forecast.

295. **Tanzania:** Does USAID have updated information on potential new education activities in Tanzania? Will there be a follow-on to Tusome Pamoja or a new project? When is it expected to be released?

USAID Response: USAID/Tanzania is reviewing its education portfolio and procurement strategy at this time. A follow-on to Tusome Pamoja is not anticipated.

296. **Tanzania:** Public Sector Systems Strengthening Plus
- a. USAID released the RFI on September 13th, 2019. This activity hasn’t been added to the USAID forecast. Can you please provide information about when PS3+ might get added to the forecast and an estimated solicitation date?
 - b. Can USAID provide additional information on the anticipated release and award date, funding amount, and mechanism, for the upcoming "Public Sector Systems Strengthening Plus (PS3+) Opportunity in Tanzania for which an RFI was released in August 2019?

USAID Response: Award has been updated on the Business Forecast.

297. **Tanzania:** Community Health System Strengthening (CHSSP) Round 2
- a. USAID previously forecasted in Q2 for Community Health System Strengthening (CHSSP) Round 2 activity, however it no longer appears on the forecast. Does USAID plan to move forward with this opportunity?
 - b. Can USAID please confirm that the Total Estimated Cost/Amount Range is still envisioned to be between \$24,999,000-\$50,000,000 and the anticipated solicitation date is April 30,2020.

USAID Response: USAID/Tanzania updated the business forecast.

298. **Tanzania:** FTF Advancing Youth Activity
a. Does USAID have any update on this activity?

USAID Response: For an update on this on-going activity, please see fact sheet at <https://www.usaid.gov/tanzania/fact-sheets/feed-future-tanzania-advancing-youth>.

299. **Timor-Leste:** Does USAID/Timor-Leste anticipate to issue follow-on programming to its previous agricultural investments in Timor-Leste?

USAID Response: USAID is currently in the design phase for future agriculture activities in Timor-Leste. Concurrently, the Mission is undergoing its Country Development Cooperation Strategy which will influence future programming decisions and timing.

300. **Timor-Leste:** Avansa Agrikultura
a. May USAID confirm if they are planning to design and solicit a new agriculture program or follow-on to Avansa Agrikultura in FY2020?

USAID Response: USAID is currently in the design phase for future agriculture activities in Timor-Leste while also developing its Country Development Cooperation Strategy. As a result, future agricultural programming solicitations are not anticipated until FY2021.

301. **Timor-Leste:** Expanding Governance Reform-Anti Corruption
a. This has been listed as “To Be Determined (TBD)” but we have heard this may be released under the PFM II mechanism. Could you please confirm what type of Award/Action Type will be used?
b. Does USAID intend to release a Request for Information or Pre-solicitation for this opportunity?
c. Does USAID expect to hold a pre-proposal conference upon the release of the solicitation?

USAID Response: USAID/Timor-Leste no longer plans to release a solicitation of this activity for this fiscal year. This activity was removed from the Business Forecast.

302. **Tunisia:** Trade and Investment Platform Activity
a. In a previous USAID Business Forecast Q&A, USAID indicated there is an upcoming Trade opportunity for 5 years estimated between \$20 and \$30 mn in Tunisia. Can USAID add this opportunity to the USAID business forecast? Can USAID give an indication of the solicitation release date and award type?

USAID Response: USAID/Tunisia no longer plans to release a solicitation for this activity as it was determined to be too broad in scope for the funding available. The Mission is developing new solicitations that are more focused on specific economic

areas in order to maximize the impact of our funding. These will be placed on the Business Forecast to be solicited approximately in FY 2020 or FY 2021.

303. **Tunisia:** Youth and Women Empowerment Opportunity
- a. In the last Business Forecast call, this opportunity was indicated for 5 years estimated between \$30 and \$40 mn. Does USAID have an update on when this opportunity will be forecasted in FY20?
 - b. Could USAID please clarify and confirm which mechanism is expected for this opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID/Tunisia no longer plans to release a solicitation for this activity as it was determined to be too broad in scope for the funding available. The Mission is developing new solicitations that are more focused on specific economic areas in order to maximize the impact of our funding. These will be placed on the Business Forecast to be solicited approximately in FY 2020 or FY 2021.

304. **Uganda:** Fleet Management for the Ministry of Health
- a. The forecast has an anticipated solicitation release date of September 16, 2019. Can USAID please provide an update on the expected timing of this opportunity?
 - b. Can USAID confirm whether this will be a full and open or small business set aside?
 - c. In the RFI, USAID indicated this opportunity consists of three components with the potential for OCI if offerors bid on all three. Can USAID provide any update on how the three components will be released?

USAID Response: Component One (Assessments) of this Opportunity was released on September 16, 2019 and closed on October 9, 2019 with an anticipated award date of December 16, 2019. The above component was restricted to USAID/Uganda Financial Support Services Blanket Purchase Agreement holders. However, components Two and Three will be a full and open opportunity to be Forecast at a later date.

305. **Uganda:** Integrated Youth and Child Development:
- a. Does USAID have an updated release date for the RFP?
 - b. Can USAID confirm that the release date for the Uganda IYCD Activity RFP will still be 12/31/2019? Can USAID provide further details around technical scope and budget?
 - c. The award/action type on the forecast for the Uganda ICYD Activity changed briefly to Cooperative Agreement on November 4, before reverting back to a Contract on November 7. Can USAID clarify whether the award/action type for this forecasted opportunity is still under consideration?
 - d. At this time, does USAID anticipate making one or multiple awards for the Uganda ICYD Activity?
 - e. Does USAID intend to release any additional education opportunities in 2020, other than the ICYD contract?

USAID Response: USAID/Uganda anticipates releasing this opportunity o/a December 12, 2019. Further details around the technical scope and budget will be provided in the RFP. Please look out for the opportunity on beta.SAM.gov The anticipated award will be a Contract type of mechanism. USAID/Uganda anticipates making one award for the Uganda ICYD Activity. Please keep checking the Agency Business Forecast for any future opportunities in 2020.

306. **Uganda:** Institutional and Systems Strengthening Activity:
- a. Would USAID please provide information on the anticipated solicitation release date for the Uganda Institutional and Systems Strengthening Activity?
 - b. Could USAID clarify whether this opportunity will be a contract or cooperative agreement?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation release date is 12/31/2019, as per the Agency Business Forecast. It will be a Contract type of mechanism.

307. **Uganda:** Accountability and Risk Management Support Services Activity
- a. This opportunity is no longer on the USAID Business Forecast, however, an Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) Amendment was released for this opportunity in October. Please confirm that this opportunity is still expected. Does USAID still anticipate the release of the ARMSS RFP on December 1st, 2019?

USAID Response: USAID/Uganda does not anticipate release of this Opportunity. This opportunity has been removed from the Agency Business Forecast.

308. **Uganda:** Governance, Accountability, Participation, and Performance
- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing a follow-on (or follow-ons) to the Uganda Governance, Accountability, Participation, and Performance (GAPP) activity? Can USAID provide additional information on the estimated release date(s) and anticipated mechanism(s)?

USAID Response: USAID/Uganda does not anticipate a follow-on to GAPP Activity at the moment, however, please continue looking out on the Business Forecast should there be any changes.

309. **Uganda:** Facilitating Investment for Development Objectives
- a. USAID/Uganda released an RFI for this opportunity on 8/02/18, however it does not currently appear on the forecast. Could USAID/Uganda provide an update on the contracting mechanism, dollar value, and anticipated release date for this opportunity?
 - b. To what extent, if any, will this procurement be connected agriculture and/or food security?

USAID Response: Please check the Agency Business Forecast. This activity was listed on the Agency Business Forecast. All information that we currently have on this activity is listed in the Agency Business Forecast.

310. **Uganda: Rights and Justice Activity**
- a. Has USAID made a decision about the contracting mechanism (full and open contract or cooperative agreement) for the Rights and Justice Activity? Could USAID/Uganda please provide a description for this opportunity on the forecast? Does USAID/Uganda intend to release an RFI in advance of the solicitation?
 - b. Can USAID provide additional detail about the scope of work?
 - c. Could USAID please confirm which mechanism is expected for the opportunity?
 - d. Previous forecast Q&As have referenced an anticipated CSS opportunity. Is this the Rights and Justice Activity on the forecast now? If not, If so, could USAID please confirm the timing of the CSS solicitation release and whether this is a continuation of existing programming?

USAID Response: Please check the Agency Business Forecast. The information on the type of mechanism has been updated. This will be an Associate Award through an existing Leader With Associates (LWA) award. All information that we currently have on this activity is listed in the Agency Business Forecast. The mechanism that will be utilized for this activity is LWA. This is not the Rights and Justice Activity. Please check the Agency Business Forecast for any updates and changes in the solicitation release date CSS.

311. **Uganda: Democracy and Governance Programming**
- a. Is USAID planning follow on activities for the GAPP activity or other governance activities in Uganda? Will the mission be updating the forecast with any new pending opportunities?

USAID Response: USAID/Uganda does not anticipate a follow-on to GAPP Activity at the moment, however, please continue looking out on the Business Forecast should there be any changes.

312. **Uganda: Agriculture/Feed the Future**
- a. Does USAID/Uganda anticipate any new or follow-on agriculture/Feed the Future activities in FY20?

USAID Response: Please keep checking the Agency Business Forecast for any future opportunities in 2020.

313. **Uganda: Civil Society Strengthening**
- a. Does USAID still intend to release DRG procurements related to civil society strengthening, peacebuilding, and local governance and accountability in FY 2020?

USAID Response: Yes. Please keep checking the Agency Business Forecast for DRG opportunities in 2020.

314. **Ukraine:** Does USAID anticipate releasing any new opportunities for Ukraine in FY20 related to health?

USAID Response: Not at this time. Please continue to follow the business forecast for new opportunities.

315. **Ukraine:** Transformation Communications Project
- a. Could USAID confirm the Award/Action Type for this activity?
 - b. Can USAID please clarify the focus of the anticipated Transformation Communications program?
 - c. Can USAID specify the expected type of award for this opportunity and confirm its anticipated release in December 2019?
 - d. Does USAID intend to release a Request for Information or Pre-solicitation for this opportunity?
 - e. Can USAID expand on the opportunity description to better understand the scope?

USAID Response: USAID has not made the determination regarding an Award/Action Type for this activity. Please continue to follow the forecast for more information related to this potential procurement. Please continue to follow the forecast as well as www.fbo.gov and www.grants.gov for any future release of procurement related information. Please continue to follow the forecast as well as www.fbo.gov and www.grants.gov for any future release of procurement related information. Not at this time, but please follow www.fbo.gov and www.grants.gov for any future request or release of procurement related information. Not at this time, but please follow www.fbo.gov and www.grants.gov for any future request or release of procurement related information.

316. **Ukraine:** Monitoring and Learning Contract
- a. What is the anticipated award date?

USAID Response: Please follow www.fbo.gov for any announcement related to the award of this procurement.

317. **Ukraine:** State-owned Enterprise Reform Activity
- a. Will this be a single or multiple award IDIQ?
 - b. Will USAID Ukraine provide any insight into which IDIQ it intends to use for the State-owned Enterprise Reform Activity?
 - c. Can USAID clarify if there will be a small business set aside component?
 - d. Can USAID kindly provide additional information about the expected scope of work?
 - e. Does USAID intend to hold a pre-solicitation event, release a pre-solicitation, sources sought notice or request for information before the RFP is released?

USAID Response: USAID is contemplating a single award IDIQ. USAID/Ukraine intends on releasing an RFP for an IDIQ. It does not intend on issuing a task order under an existing IDIQ. As a single award IDIQ is being contemplated, USAID does not

anticipate a set-aside component. USAID/Ukraine released RFI-121-19-000001, which included a draft SOW. USAID/Ukraine released a request for information (RFI-121-19-000001) on August 20, 2019.

318. **Ukraine:** Youth Unity Project
- a. Can USAID provide additional information about the expected mechanism and funding amount for ODG: Youth Unity Project (Ukraine)?
 - b. Does USAID plan to release an RFI?
 - c. Would USAID please check and confirm whether the anticipated solicitation release date of 12/15/2019 is still accurate?
 - d. Can USAID confirm whether this is a continuation of existing work or a new activity?
 - e. Can USAID expand on the opportunity description to better understand the scope?

USAID Response: No additional information can be provided regarding the expected mechanism and funding amount for ODG: Youth Unity Project at this time. Please continue to follow the forecast as well as www.fbo.gov and www.grants.gov for further information. An RFI will not be released at this time, but please continue to follow www.fbo.gov and www.grants.gov for any future request or release of procurement related information. The anticipated solicitation date for this potential opportunity will be amended in the near future to reflect a more accurate release date. This is a new potential activity. Please follow the forecast and www.fbo.gov and www.grants.gov for any future release of procurement related information. Not at this time. Please continue to follow the forecast as well as www.fbo.gov and www.grants.gov for any future release of procurement related information.

319. **Venezuela:** South America Regional Initiative for Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants
- a. Will USAID be releasing a RFA or RFP in response to the February 2019 RFI No. 72052719 RFI00003: South America Regional Initiative for Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants – Brazil, Ecuador and Peru and if so, when?

USAID Response: USAID updated the procurement strategy and will update the Business Forecast accordingly. At this time, USAID/Peru does not envision any future solicitations specific to the Venezuela regional immigration crisis.

320. **Vietnam:** Vietnam Green Annamites Project
- a. Given that the USAID/Vietnam Green Annamites project is closing in 2020, is USAID planning a follow-on project? If so, what is the anticipated timeline for procurement?

USAID Response: The Business Forecast has been updated to reflect a new Forestry program.

321. **Vietnam:** HIV/TB Activity – Public Sector Service Delivery

- a. Can USAID/Vietnam provide any information, such as award mechanism and anticipated release date of a request for information, regarding the anticipated HIV/TB Activity – Public Sector Service Delivery (SHIFT Follow-On)?
- b. Does USAID intend to release the Vietnam HIV/TB Activity solicitation with a multi-phase mechanism?

USAID Response: USAID is currently in the design phase of this potential solicitation. An RFI is being considered for release for public comment in late December/early January. A determination on whether the solicitation will be multi-phase or not has not been decided. Please see the updated Business Forecast.

322. **Vietnam:** Can USAID please clarify if they intend to release any new solicitations for Vietnam in the next six months? If yes, can USAID please clarify the technical areas of those activities and whether a RFI will be released?

USAID Response: The Business Forecast has been updated to reflect such.

323. **Vietnam:** Does USAID/Vietnam anticipate any new or follow-on environment activities in FY20?

USAID Response: Yes, the Business Forecast has been updated to include Environment programs.

324. **Vietnam:** Does USAID anticipate any new opportunities related to economic growth and governance in FY20?

USAID Response: Yes, the Business Forecast has been updated to include such an opportunity.

325. **Vietnam:** Energy Activity

- a. Will there be a Vietnam Energy activity coming out of Energy II IDIQ?

USAID Response: This matter has yet to be decided.

326. **West Africa:** Biodiversity and Climate Change project

- a. Given that the West Africa Biodiversity and Climate Change project is closing in May 2020, is USAID planning a follow-on project?
- b. If so, what is the anticipated timeline for procurement?

USAID Response: WABICC was extended until December 2020, and USAID does anticipate a follow-on award. Information regarding this follow-on will be posted on the USAID business forecast once the procurement approach is developed. The start of the design for this activity will begin in Quarter 2, FY20.

327. **Yemen:** Yemen Continuous Learning and Evaluation program (YCLE)

- a. Can USAID confirm whether performing this work, as either a prime or subcontractor, will present a conflict of interest for parties wishing to implement other projects from USAID/Yemen?
- b. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date of the Yemen Continuous Learning and Evaluation activity?
- c. Does USAID expect to release this opportunity under a full and open mechanism?

USAID Response: USAID confirms that performing this work as either a prime or subcontractor may present an organizational conflict of interest for partners currently implementing or planning to implement USAID development assistance in Yemen. Each potential organizational conflict of interest will need to be reviewed by the prime/subcontractor and USAID prior to an award determination to determine if there would be opportunities to mitigate the organizational conflict.. USAID/Yemen intends to release the RFP in early December 2019. USAID/Yemen intends to release the RFP without restrictions on competition.

328. **Yemen:** Can USAID confirm if there are any health activities anticipated for Yemen?

USAID Response: There are no planned new health activities for Yemen.

329. **Yemen:** Can USAID provide an update on any new programs expected in Yemen? Does USAID anticipate adding any new procurements for work in Yemen to the Business Forecast in FY 2020 Q1 or Q2?

USAID Response: USAID/Yemen intends to award a new economic growth activity. Additional information will be released on the business forecast once the activity plan is confirmed.

330. **Yemen:** Is there a follow-on to the Yemen Economic Stabilization and Support (YESS) activity envisioned?

USAID Response: USAID/Yemen intends to award a new economic growth activity. Additional information will be released on the business forecast once the activity plan is confirmed.

331. **Zambia:** Rural Agricultural Enterprise Development Project

- a. Would USAID please confirm that the release date remains 12/09/2019?

USAID Response: Considering the holiday season, USAID will delay the release date of the RFP to a later date. Please continue monitoring the Business Forecast for any updates.

332. **Zambia:** Alternatives to Charcoal

- a. The forecasted USAID/Zambia Alternatives to Charcoal release date has been pushed back multiple times. Is the RFP still anticipated to be released on the current forecasted date of 12/6/19?
- b. Would USAID kindly consider providing offerors with a longer turnaround time to accommodate the holiday season when it is challenging to recruit staff and work with local partners?
- c. Could USAID please clarify whether it anticipates making any significant changes to scope of objectives published in the revised RFI from October 16, 2019?

USAID Response: Yes, the RFP anticipated release date is 12/6/2019. USAID will provide offerors a longer turnaround time to accommodate the holiday season. No, USAID does not anticipate making any significant changes to the Statement of Objectives.

333. **Zambia: WASH:**

- a. Does USAID anticipate a new bilateral activity in WASH in the future?

USAID Response: Please continue monitoring the Business Forecast for any new activities.

334. **Zambia: Orphans and Vulnerable Children Service Delivery**

- a. Could USAID please confirm that the Orphans and Vulnerable Children Service Delivery opportunity on the forecast is the same as the SDVCA round released through NPI?

USAID Response: Yes. The Orphans and Vulnerable Children Service Delivery opportunity on the forecast is the same as the Service Delivery for Vulnerable Children and Adolescents (SDVCA) Round 3 released through the NPI GH APS No.: 7200AA19APS00013. The Business Forecast activity title has been revised accordingly.

335. **Zambia: HIV Prevention for Key and Targeted Populations**

Could USAID please provide the following updates on the HIV Prevention for Key and Targeted Populations since the last Q&A:

- a. Could USAID confirm the anticipated geographic coverage of this project?
- b. Could USAID confirm whether a RFI will be released before the solicitation is published? If so, what is the anticipated timing of the RFI's release date?
- c. The sector field states, "HIV/AIDS (More than 50% funded by PEPFAR)". Could USAID confirm which USG funding mechanism is funding the project besides PEPFAR?
- d. Could USAID confirm whether eligibility to prime is restricted to local/indigenous organizations or whether there will there be an option for international organizations to prime the award and then issue transition awards to local/indigenous organizations during implementation?
- e. Could USAID confirm the number of awards anticipated to be made?

USAID Response: The geographical focus will be on high HIV burden districts. Yes, and RFI will be released before the solicitation is published. We cannot project for now but keep monitoring the grants.gov & FBO.gov/beta for the RFI. At this point, we are planning for this to be PEPFAR funded. However, it may be possible that other USAID Health funds may be included at a later date. Award will be restricted to local prime partner/s. There could be up to two awards.

336. **Zambia:** Maintaining HIV Epidemic Control through Local Partners
- a. Will USAID intends to award multiple awards?
 - b. Is eligibility to prime this opportunity is restricted to local/indigenous organizations and whether consortiums can include an international organizations?
 - c. Given that many local organizations have more experience with Cooperative Agreements, would USAID consider changing the mechanism?

USAID Response: No. USAID anticipates a single award from this procurement. It will be restricted to local primes. Consortia can include various organizations but note that the prime/lead in the consortia must be a local partner. The selection of Instrument (Mechanism) is driven by USAID's needs and/or the type of relationship that will be formed between USAID and the Implementing Partner and not based on the experiences of most organizations/prospective Implementing Partners.

337. **Zambia:** Can USAID clarify if USAID/Zambia anticipates releasing additional education activities beyond the Teaching for Transformation (T4T) currently listed in the forecast? If so, when might information on these activities be disseminated.

USAID Response: USAID/Zambia does not anticipate releasing additional activities in the forecast for now, other than T4T that has already been forecasted.

338. **Zambia:** Nutrition Activity
- a. Will this opportunity be exclusive to local organizations or will it be open to international organizations as well

USAID Response: No restrictions to competition is anticipated at this time.

339. **Zambia:** Can USAID please clarify whether they intend launch a full and open competition for the anticipated social protection G2G TA award?

USAID Response: Yes. USAID intends to launch a full and open competition for the anticipated social protection G2G TA activity.

340. **Zambia:** District Governance Strengthening
- a. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date of the Zambia District Governance Strengthening activity?
 - b. Can USAID provide additional detail about the scope of work?
 - c. Is there anything else that you can share at this time?
 - d. Can USAID confirm which award mechanism will be used for this opportunity?

USAID Response: Please keep monitoring the Business Forecast for any updates. The award mechanism will be a contract.

341. **Zambia:** Zambia Enterprise Development Growth Enhanced (EDGE) Activity:
- a. Would USAID please provide information on the anticipated RFP release date for this opportunity?
 - b. Would USAID kindly consider providing offerors with a longer turnaround time to accommodate the holiday season when it is challenging to recruit staff and work with local partners?
 - c. Could USAID provide a more specific budget range?
 - d. Will a presolicitation be issued prior to the release of the solicitation?

USAID Response: Considering the holiday season, USAID will delay the release of the RFP to a later date. Please continue monitoring the Business Forecast for any updates. USAID will provide offerors a longer turnaround time to accommodate the holiday season. The range of \$10m - \$24.99m provided on the Business Forecast is USAID' specific budget range. USAID issued a presolicitation notice of the Draft SOO for industry feedback on November 5, 2019. Please keep monitoring the Business Forecast for any updates.

342. **Zambia:** Follow-on to Program for the Advancement of Malaria Outcomes (PAMO)
- a. Will there be a follow-on to PAMO in Zambia? If so, can USAID share any information on the anticipated timeline for this solicitation?

USAID Response: Yes, there will be a new bilateral activity. Please continue monitoring the Business Forecast for new activities.

343. **Zambia:** Zambia Family Health and Nutrition Activity
- a. Can USAID kindly confirm the expected release date of the Zambia Family Health and Nutrition Activity, as it has been delayed several times?
 - b. With the change of opportunity name, should we expect significant changes in the Scope of work?
 - c. Is this opportunity expected to be restricted to locals only?
 - d. Will malaria activities be supported under this project?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date for the activity is 01/27/2020. Yes, there are changes in the scope of work. No restriction to competition is anticipated at this time; and, d. Malaria is not a specific focus of the project.

344. **Zambia:** HIV Prevention for Key and Targeted Populations
- a. Is eligibility to prime this opportunity is restricted to local/indigenous organizations?
 - b. Is the opportunity is national in scope or will cover specific districts?

- c. Can USAID/Zambia provide any additional information, such as award mechanism, for the HIV Prevention for Key and Targeted Populations?

USAID Response: Yes it will be restricted to local/indigenous organizations. The geographical focus will be on high HIV burden districts. No additional information can be provided at the moment. Activity is still in design.

345. **Zambia:** Zambia Program for Advancing Malaria Outcomes (PAMO)
 - a. Is USAID planning to issue a solicitation for the follow-on to the Zambia PAMO program that is ending?
 - b. If so, can USAID provide more information about the potential scope and release date?

USAID Response: Yes, there will be a new bilateral activity. Please continue monitoring the Business Forecast for new activities.

346. **Zimbabwe:** Advancing Accountability and Rights in Zimbabwe
 - a. Does USAID plan to release a stand alone project for media or will USAID re-use the APS Solicitation (APS-613-17-00001)?

USAID Response: Not yet determined.

347. **Zimbabwe:** Zimbabwe FTF Food Security and Resilience Activity:
 - a. Would USAID please provide information on the anticipated RFP release date for this opportunity?
 - b. Could USAID/Zimbabwe confirm that this procurement will not be a small business set-aside?

USAID Response:

RFP number 72061320R00001 was released on November 27, 2019 under title name - Feed the Future Zimbabwe Fostering Agribusiness for Resilient Markets. Visit <https://beta.sam.gov/search> for more information. This is not a small business set-aside.

348. **Zimbabwe:** Does USAID/Zimbabwe plan to sequence the anticipated award dates of the Feed the Future Food Security and Resilience Activity and the upcoming Food for Peace Development Food Security Activity so that these activities can coordinate and collaborate during their respective inception periods?

USAID Response: The USAID/Zimbabwe Feed the Future Zimbabwe Fostering Agribusiness for Resilient Markets has an anticipated award date of May 31, 2020. Award date may not exactly sequence with the Food for Peace Development Food Security Activity; however, it is expected that once both are awarded the two activities must work together and collaborate for the best outcomes.

349. **Zimbabwe:** Zimbabwe Assistance Program in Malaria (ZAPIM):
 - a. USAID had indicated that a Notice of Funding Opportunity for this project would be issued in the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2020. Could USAID please

share whether this timeline is still valid, or whether there has been a new anticipated release date?

USAID Response: This action has been removed from the Business Forecast for FY 2020. At this time we do not have a new anticipated release date.

350. **Zimbabwe:** TB Star

- a. Can USAID provide any additional information about the expected scope of Zimbabwe TB Star?

USAID Response: This was inadvertently included on the Business Forecast and has been removed.

351. **Zimbabwe:** Ministry of Health and Child Care (MOHCC)

- a. Can USAID provide more information on the Request for Expression of Interest “Support to the Zimbabwe Ministry of Health and Child Care (MOHCC)’s Programs for HIV Prevention, Care and Treatment?”
- b. The request was issued with a deadline of October 7, 2018 and restricted to local, indigenous organizations.
- c. Will there be a RFA issued? If yes, when can we expect the RFA to be issued?
- d. Will the solicitation be restricted to local, indigenous organizations?

USAID Response: The request issued in October 2018 was for market research purposes. Not yet determined if an RFA will be issued. The Business Forecast will be updated when we have additional information. It has not yet been determined if the solicitation will be restricted to local, indigenous organizations.